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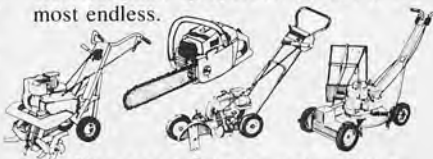
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How could this happen? How could this young man change so suddenly? Sullivan himself offers one word in explanation.

"Money," he told me. "M-O-N-E-Y."

But what about the fans, Kevin?

"When I was being beaten by the men they hated, when they were cheering for me, did they really care about me?" Sullivan told me, his voice a harsh whisper. "They couldn't care if I died, so long as I smiled and waved and wrestled the men they called 'bad guys.' Well, let 'em go to hell. I'm not going to bleed for anyone except for me. It's all mine, now. The titles, the glory, the money. I don't want any fan thinking he's got a right to share in what I do."

Sullivan was toweling himself off after a brutal match against Steve Keirn. Once, Sullivan and Keirn were friends. In this match, they were warring beasts.

"People say shortcuts don't pay off," Sullivan said, pulling off his right boot. "Well, that only goes to show how dumb the fans are. When you go home at night, do you take the long way to your house or the shortest way possible? These fans make me sick."

Sullivan grabbed his robe and headed to the shower. The reporters in the dressing room were left with their thoughts. Most shook their heads and muttered what a fool Sullivan is to think like that. But as I walked out of the room, my eyes were attracted by a shiny object on a chair. It was a TV title belt. And it was Kevin Sullivan's.

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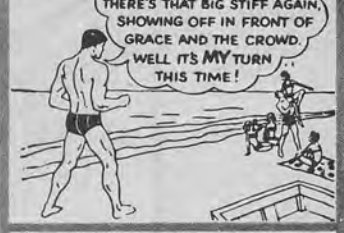
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The Sheik served as an intermediary between European business interests and Middle Eastern millionaires whose goal was to bring glory to Hussein Arab and Baron Von Raschke. After a lengthy investigation, *INSIDE WRESTLING*'s Gary Morgenstein solved the international mystery.

(Editor's Note: Last month, Gary Morgenstein's search for the source of the international wrestling conspiracy led him to Florida. From there, he uncovered new, startling information, taking him to Washington, D.C.)

THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS were in full bloom. But neither I nor my guest cared about flowers. We had much more important items to discuss.

"I had been working as a lobbyist for a large, multi-national corporation," said the gentleman. He was around 60, tufts of gray hair falling over a reddish face. His clear gray eyes stared fixedly at me while his drumming fingers betrayed his intense nervousness. "It came to my attention that certain concerns of certain people in this corporation, with headquarters in Europe and the

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I held my breath, knowing months and months of investigations would soon cease. There would be an answer.

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Thesz ran his hands along both boots, looked up at his visitor, and smiled. "Same routine everytime," he said.

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THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE was decorated in the kind of understated richness that makes you know the man is successful. In fact, Dr. Emerson Fraser is perhaps the nation's leading sports medicine authority. Summoning me to his office proved he cared more for his patients than he does about money.

"Normally," the doctor told me, "I wouldn't discuss any athlete's case with the press. To be exact, this is the first, and I hope only time I have to do it. I'm not sure it's ethical for me to say what I have to say. Yet I know it would be immoral for me to say nothing.

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"However, I can't keep silent about Michael Hayes, even if it means not another



Fans who have been taunting Michael Hayes for his relative inactivity as a member of the Georgia Champion Freebirds should stop, according to Dan Shocket. Hayes, Shocket learned, is probably the most courageous man in wrestling.

athlete will come to me. The risks are too great, especially now, for me to keep quiet. The fans must know the truth. A man's life is at stake.

"As you know, Hayes is one of The Freebirds. As things stand now, his corporate partners, Terry Gordy and Buddy Roberts, do most of the wrestling. Hayes has been called a coward for not wrestling more. I know how much the

insults hurt Hayes. They might make him do something stupid.

"The truth is that Hayes is wrestling *more* than he should. I won't bore you with the technical reasons. The result, however, must be known by everyone. Mike's neck and spine are dangerously weak for a professional athlete. Continued assaults on the area could result in partial

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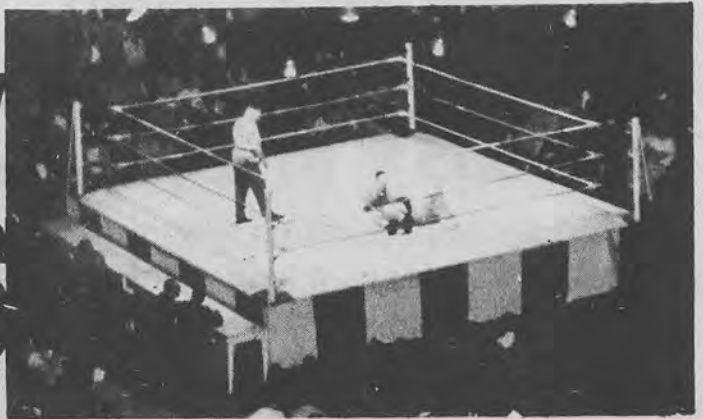
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I have been a very loyal Mr. Wrestling II fan for a good many years, and, as sad as it is for me to tell him this, I believe Mr. Wrestling II should quit wrestling and devote himself to other aspects of the sport.

II has accomplished all he ever could in the ring, except maybe



Mr. Wrestling II could best serve wrestling as a teacher and not as an active participant, writes Alan Shea.

winning the NWA title from Harley Race. But II shouldn't let himself grow obsessed with winning the title. Nor should II allow himself to go into the gutter with a man like Mongolian Stomper.

Instead, II should go into managing other younger wrestlers. This way, his vast experience and wisdom could be passed on to yet another generation of wrestlers.

Or if II chooses not to manage, perhaps he can open a school, "The Mr. Wrestling II School for Wrestlers," and thus demonstrate his remarkable aptitude for teaching.



Moondog King holds Rick Martel as Moondog Rex fires a right. Reader Cecil Brannigan does not find The Moondogs so unusual.

Whatever II does decide to do, I think he is serving no further purpose as an active wrestler.

ALAN SHEA
Atlanta, GA

GOOD DOGS

I don't know what all the fuss is about with The Moondogs. They seem perfectly normal to me. I bet all the people complaining about them really don't have much understanding of the human heart. Everyone has their own little quirks or eccentricities. So The Moondogs do some strange things, like biting Lou Albano or eating raw meat.

Haven't any of you fans quick to jump on Rex and King ever got so mad you wanted to bite someone? I know I have. And as for their eating raw meat, well, everyone has

their own tastes in food. Look at the Japanese, who eat raw fish. I wouldn't eat that stuff but a lot of Japanese people seem to like it. So what if The Moondogs like their meat a little under-cooked? It doesn't make them crazy. Just judge them on their ring accomplishments and you'll see that The Moondogs are the best!

CECIL BRANNIGAN
Mount Vernon, NY

POOR PAUL

How long will it be before Paul Jones and his cronie Masked Superstar regret their betrayal? How many times must Ole and Gene Anderson batter in the supposed champions' skulls before they realize what an awful mistake they made turning their backs on

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By STEVEN FARHOOD

SCOOP OF THE MONTH

The Masked Grappler was seen on Bourbon Street with his face uncovered, and those who saw him experienced the shock of their lives!

The infamous New Orleans rulebreaker was standing in front of Pat O'Brien's, a famous Bourbon Street bar, when two people—who did not know each other—claim he pulled off his mask for approximately 10 seconds.

"I don't know why he did it," said Joe Mancosi, a Denver real estate agent who was in New Orleans on business. "But I'll tell you one thing, I got so scared I ran into the nearest topless bar and ordered a double bourbon. I'm not even a wrestling fan and I didn't know who this guy was until all the chaos started, but I hope I never see him again."

The other eyewitness, a female tourist from Pierre, South Dakota, cannot comment on what she saw for good reason: she has been hospitalized in New Orleans, suffering from emotional distress.

"The woman will be kept there for a day or two," said a hospital spokesperson who has shielded the woman from the press. "What she saw on that wrestler's face was so horrifying that she hasn't even



There was quite a stir in New Orleans when Masked Grappler allegedly removed his mask on Bourbon Street. We don't know exactly what was under that mask, but one witness went scurrying to the police and another wound up in the hospital.

been able to explain it to us yet. I'll say this: whatever it was, it must've been pretty sickening for a person to have a reaction like that."

What does the Masked Grappler look like? The only person who could offer a fairly accurate description was Mancosi.

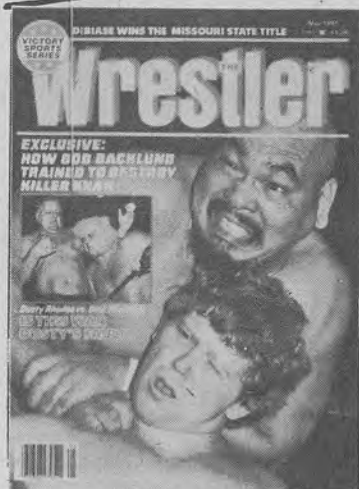
"Well, to start he had these hideous welts all over his cheeks, in all different colors," he said. "Some were brown and others were green. His chin

didn't seem to have any skin on it. It was red and raw and dripping with pus. His eyes were of different shape and they weren't equidistant from his nose. And his forehead had these really strange wires hanging from it. They looked like copper wires."

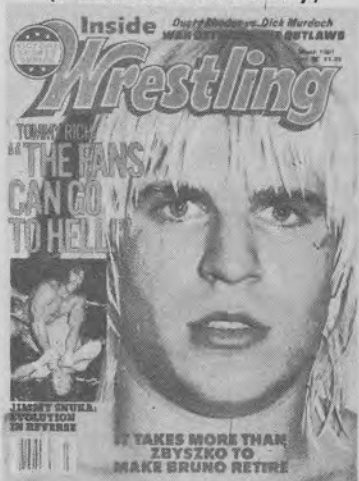
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Did PAT PATTERSON actually break out of the Cobra Hold used by SGT. SLAUGHTER? Pat says he did, but Slaughter refuses to turn over the \$10,000 prize money he said he'd give Pat for breaking the grip. Why? "He did not break out," the Sgt. explains. "I released the hold because I was afraid I was going to kill him. I don't want to be court

martialed by my General, THE GRAND WIZARD, for killing a private like Patterson."

Rookie BRAD ARMSTRONG, son of the great BOB ARMSTRONG, is looking good in matches in Albama... TOMMY RICH has returned to Georgia and he is involved in a bloody war with THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS... KEN PATERA is negotiating with Georgia promoters. Ken is looking for a shot at the Georgia title currently held by TONY ATLAS. As you know, Atlas and Patera have a feud that dates back several years... R.T. TYLER and



WIZARD & SLAUGHTER

BOBBY JAGGERS no longer have the Florida tag team belts. The new champions are the unbelievable duo of ANDRE THE GIANT and DUSTY RHODES.

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TOMMY RICH

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JERRY BRISCO

N' NEWS

Bill Apter
reporting...

BRISCO teamed in Puerto Rico against TERRY FUNK and DORY FUNK JR. Ringside observers report that Mil and Jerry make a great tag team duo.

OTTO WANZ, the 6-3, 334-pound champion of Germany, was recently seen in Florida scouting possible future opponents . . . JUNKYARD DOG says that TED DiBIASE is one of the finest tag team partners he has ever had . . . DENNIS CONDRY is a lucky man. Any time he is in trouble during a match, his good friend RANDY ROSE is there to lend a hand. Also, luckily for Condry, Rose is never spotted by the referees.

As you probably know by now, SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINK is now managing THE ASSASSINS. "How I ever spent so much time with that smelly DUSTY RHODES is beyond me," Humperdink says . . . JERRY STUBBS, wrestling in the



JERRY STUBBS



EATON VS. II

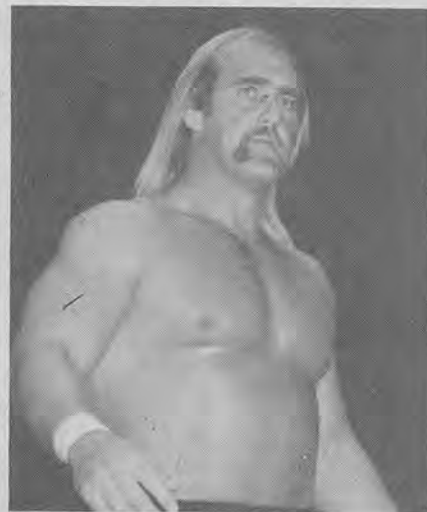
Alabama area, tells us that he once played pro baseball. Why did he quit and become a wrestling star? "Simple," Jerry says. "I enjoy one-on-one competition. I don't like to be part of a team. That's why you don't see me tag teaming very often."

GART HART has imported another Oriental star beside KABUKI to make life miserable for the VON ERICH FAMILY. His name is CHAN CHUNG and he is one of the Orient's finest martial arts experts . . . JOHN TOLOS took on VICTOR RIVERA in a bloody war in California. The fans cheered Victor for the first time in years. How did it feel? "No comment," exclaimed Rivera.

"I'll teach him the meaning of viciousness!" were the words MAD DOG VACHON exclaimed before he went into battle against JIMMY SNUKA in Toronto. It was one of the most violent battles

in years, and Snuka proved he can be just as vicious as the master of brutality, Vachon . . . DOS CARAS was lucky to get out of his California match with MIKE MASTERS alive. When Caras attempted to pin Masters, some of Mike's friends ran into the ring and began stomping the masked man. Dos' friends came to his rescue and he escaped serious injury.

Young BOBBY EATON has left Tennessee and is now wrestling in Georgia. A recent match against MR. WRESTLING II saw the rookie Eaton give II some very



HULK HOGAN

anxious moments . . . Rumors persist that HULK HOGAN is going to wrestle in Tennessee . . . THE SPOILER is returning to Texas mats . . . NWA Junior Heavyweight Champion LES THORNTON lost a non-title bout to JERRY BRISCO. When will Jerry get a return title go? "Never," says Thornton. "He obviously paid the referee to give me a fast count. I only give honest men a chance at my title."

That's all for now. See you next month! □

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Some of the back issues in this ad have not been offered for sale for more than 25 years. All of these extremely rare magazines are from the personal collection of Stanley Weston, owner of the world's largest collection of wrestling memorabilia. This is indeed a once in a lifetime opportunity for the true collector to finally own these highly treasured but until now elusive editions. Obviously, the supplies of these issues is very limited, and they will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. It is for that reason we urge you to list substitute choices when you order. This will avoid time wasted writing back and forth should a particular issue be sold out. The prices quoted are based on the rarity of the issue and the amount of available copies. For fastest service, payment should be made by money order or certified check. While cash will be accepted, we cannot assume responsibility when it is sent through the mails. All sales are final and no exchanges will be made.

BOXING & WRESTLING

After five issues, **WRESTLING** magazine changed its name to **BOXING & WRESTLING**. Continuing its high standard in wrestling, the addition of boxing stories made it one of the most popular sports magazines of the '50s. Some of the back issues listed in this ad can be obtained now by the general public for the first time in more than 25 years. As you would expect, supplies are very, very limited.

DECEMBER 1951 Boxing—Maxim Beats Sailor Murphy, Gavilan Beats Billy Graham, Jim Corbett, Knockout Artists, Best Prospects, New Champion Randy Turpin, Upsets, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ratings, Marciano Challenges Walcott, Sandy Saddler (Life Story), Tex Rickard, Famous Fights of the Past, Fights of the Month
Wrestling—Verne Gagne, Ratings, TV Announcer Dennis James, Sandoz Szabo, Matches of the Month, Pat Pevee, Sammy Berg, Mae Weston \$25

JANUARY 1952 Boxing—Pep vs. Saddler, Gans vs. Kid Lavigne, Robinson vs. Turpin, Mickey Walker, Tricksters, Tony Janiro, Barney Ross's Record, Tex Rickard, Roland LaStarza, Leonard vs. Kilbane, Rocky Marciano, Ratings, Knockouts
Wrestling—Yvon Robert, Wrestling Whirl, Sky Hi Lee, Matches of the Month, Pacific Coast Championship, George Hackenschmidt, Indian Wrestlers, Ruffy Silverstein, Ratings, Londos vs. Shikat \$25

FEBRUARY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Trouble with Boxing, Young Prospects, Tony Canzoneri, Bob Fitzsimmons, Rocky Graziano, Unusual Incidents, Predictions for 1952, Willie Lewis vs. Sailor Burke, Ratings (Marciano Fighter of Month), Tex Rickard Story
Wrestling—Dirty Duseks, Cora Combs, Wrestling Whirl, Matches of the Month, The Original Terrible Turk, How to Improve Wrestling, Ratings \$25

JUNE 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Gil Turner, Max Schmeling, Jack Johnson, Ratings, Stillman's Gym, Chico Vejar, Flyweights and Bantamweights, Tex Rickard Story, Paddy DeMarco, Max Baer's Record
Wrestling—Lord Carlton, Ratings, Mars Bennett, Human Sides, Tony Lanza, Wrestling Whirl, Good Old Days, Whipper Watson, Matches of the Month, San Francisco Promoter Joe Malcewicz \$25

JULY 1952 Boxing—Fights of the Month, Joe Baksi, Jess Wilcox, Ratings, 105, 110, 115, 125, 135, 145, 155, 165, 175, 185, 195, 205, 215, 225, 235, 245, 255, 265, 275, 285, 295, 305, 315, 325, 335, 345, 355, 365, 375, 385, 395, 405, 415, 425, 435, 445, 455, 465, 475, 485, 495, 505, 515, 525, 535, 545, 555, 565, 575, 585, 595, 605, 615, 625, 635, 645, 655, 665, 675, 685, 695, 705, 715, 725, 735, 745, 755, 765, 775, 785, 795, 805, 815, 825, 835, 845, 855, 865, 875, 885, 895, 905, 915, 925, 935, 945, 955, 965, 975, 985, 995, 1005, 1015, 1025, 1035, 1045, 1055, 1065, 1075, 1085, 1095, 1105, 1115, 1125, 1135, 1145, 1155, 1165, 1175, 1185, 1195, 1205, 1215, 1225, 1235, 1245, 1255, 1265, 1275, 1285, 1295, 1305, 1315, 1325, 1335, 1345, 1355, 1365, 1375, 1385, 1395, 1405, 1415, 1425, 1435, 1445, 1455, 1465, 1475, 1485, 1495, 1505, 1515, 1525, 1535, 1545, 1555, 1565, 1575, 1585, 1595, 1605, 1615, 1625, 1635, 1645, 1655, 1665, 1675, 1685, 1695, 1705, 1715, 1725, 1735, 1745, 1755, 1765, 1775, 1785, 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Sarron, Charley White, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Why Women Wrestle, Wrestling Whirl, Bill Fletcher, Ivan Padubny, Bearded Wrestlers, Matches of Month, Art Michalek, Gossip, Fan Clubs \$25

FEBRUARY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Ralph Dupas, Young Otto, Willie Pep, Billy Conn, Nonpareil Dempsey vs. George LaBlanche, Joe Miceli, Boxing Lesson, I.B.C., Freddie Steele, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Pepper Gomez, June Byers vs. Babs Wingo, Matches of Month, French Angel, Karl Davis, Best Rookies, Lou Thesz, Wrestling Whirl, Fan Clubs \$25

MARCH 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Chuck Spieser, Isaac Logart, Ratings, Luis Firpo's Life, Raton Macias, Jim Jeffries vs. J. Corbett, Tiger Jones, Boxing Lesson, Review of 1955, Frankie Genaro, Quiz
Wrestling—Leo 'The Lion' Newman, Matches of Month, Doc Gallagher, Terrible Turk, Breast Cancer and Girl Wrestlers, Barefoot Wrestlers, Wrestling Whirl, Gossip, Wives of Wrestlers \$25

APRIL 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Carmen Basilio, Commissioner Helfand, Pete Herman, Regaining Titles, Bobby Boyd, Ace Hudkins' Life, George Dixon vs. Solly Smith, Joe Benjamin, Louis 'Kid' Kaplan, Quiz \$25

MAY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, How Floyd Patterson Will Fight Marciano, Ray Robinson's Problems, Jackie 'Kid' Berg's Life, Yama Bahama, 'Kid' Lavigne, Combating TV, Sam Langford, Bob Murphy, Boxing Lesson, Carl Tremaine, Ratings, Quiz
Wrestling—Rocca, Ada Ash, Matches of Month, Old Timers, Prince Maivia, Wrestling Whirl, Jerry Graham, Red Bastien, Gossip \$25

JUNE 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Cisco Andrade, Ludwig Lightburn, Remembering Chicago, Tony Zale's Life, Rory Calhoun, Quiz, Ratings, Tom Sharkey vs. Peter Maher by Jim Corbett, Aurelio Herrera, Dave Shade, Readers' Gripe
Wrestling—'Hard Boiled' Haggerty, Wrestling Whirl, John Pesek, Killer Kowalski, Texas Hot Spot, Powerhouses, Matches of Month, Fan Clubs, Gossip \$25

JULY 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Rocky Marciano, Max Schmeling's Life, Johnny Saxton, John L. Sullivan, Miguel Berrios, Larry Boardman, Quiz, Ratings, Joe Gans vs. 'Elbows' McFadden, Hollywood Legion Stadium, Ritchie Mitchell
Wrestling—Lord Blears, Matches of Month, Mexican Stars, Ramona TeSelle, Danno O'Mahoney, Wrestling Whirl, Roy Shire, TV Wrestling, Gossip \$25

AUGUST 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Bob Fitzsimmons vs. Peter Maher, Cherif Hamia, John Holman, Jess Willard's Life, Bucking TV, Johnny Summerlin, Joe Choyinski, Earl Mastro, Ratings, Bob Armstrong, Quiz, Gossip
Wrestling—George Drake, Wrestling Whirl, Chief Kit Fox, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 1), Why Wrestlers Bleach Their Hair, Bob Geigel, Gossip \$25

SEPTEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, 'Hurricane' Jackson, Will Marciano Fight Again? Mike McTigue, Bob Baker, Joey Giardello vs. Boxing Commission, Strange Anecdotes, Eddie Machen, Johnny Coulon, Paul Jorgensen, Terry McGovern vs. Oscar Gardner, Mike Gibbons, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Buddy Rogers, Whipper Watson Wins Title From Thesz, Art of Needling, Yvon Roberts (Part 2), Wrestling Whirl, Dot Dotson, Matches of Month, Dick Nelson, Questions & Answers \$25

OCTOBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Willie Pastrano, Henry Armstrong's Life, Archie Moore, Jimmy McLarnin, Charley Joseph, Jim Jeffries, Jimmy Soo, Boxing Lesson, Kid Chocolate, Ratings, Quiz, Letters
Wrestling—Don Leo Jonathan, Wrestling Whirl, Fred Blassie, Billy Varga's Wife, Dangers of Wrestling, Yvon Robert (Part 3), Matches of Month, Letters, Fan Club \$25

NOVEMBER 1956 Boxing—Eddie Borden Editorial, Critics Talk, Fights of Month, Tony DeMarco, Art Aragon, Mario D'Agata, Tony Anthony, King Levinsky's Life, Johnny Busso, Joe Louis vs. John Henry Lewis, Ken Overlin, Ratings, Lockport Jimmy Duffy, Kid McCoy vs. Jim Stewart, Quiz
Wrestling—Bobby Managoff, Around the Circuit, Slave Girl Moolah, Ratings, Matches of Month, Yvon Robert (Part 4), George Hubert, Fan Clubs, Letters \$25

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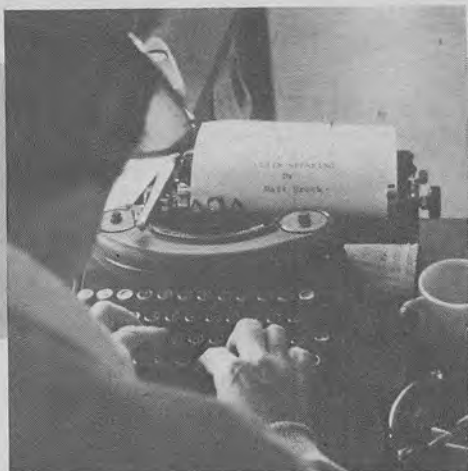
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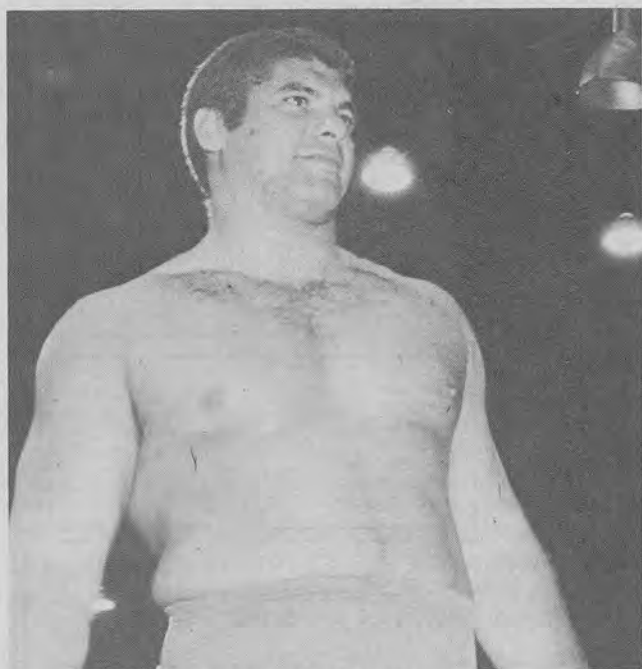
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Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING

NEW YORK, NY: One of my least favorite people in the whole wide world is in the WWF. Fellow by the name of Don Muraco. At first glance, you'd probably think Muraco falls into that neat category of talented-man-wasting-skills-as-rulebreaker. Well, I think Muraco's way overrated. He's got a big mouth and little else. Oh, I expect the mail to come in, wondering why Brock is getting on this guy's case. I happen to believe there should be certain standards before you just toss someone into the superstar classification. Or even star category. With Grand



MAGNIFICENT MURACO

Wizard as his manager, I fully expect Muraco's treachery to blossom in the WWF. Don't worry, Backlund. He's yellow.

RICHMOND, VA: Made a big mistake en route to the Mid-Atlantic for the following story about George Wells. Accepted an offer from Steve Farhood and his buddy "Longshot" Caputo. They

were supposed to drive me to Philadelphia where I'd get a connecting flight to Richmond. Instead they insisted on stopping off in Atlantic City. Now ol' Matt is way ahead at the roulette wheel when Farhood rushes over, insisting he needs a little stake for his new "fool-proof formula." The kid grabs my chips and five minutes later, returns, saying I owe a big palooka with a tic-tac-toe scar on his nose 300 bucks. It took a lot of talking to get myself out of this one. As for Farhood and Longshot, last I saw of them they were trying to get gas money by betting winos Farhood couldn't eat his T-shirt. But back to George Wells. Wells, co-holder of the Mid-Atlantic tag team title with Dewey Robertson, is a marvelously versatile wrestler. This guy can overwhelm a foe with strength, deceive a guy with brains, or fly circles around him with aerial maneuvers. I'll bet (oh-oh) the name of George Wells will be nationally known very, very soon.



GEORGE WELLS

Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor

ATLANTA, GA: What is it that I like about Don Carson? Currently managing Mongolian Stomper, Carson exudes a wily-cunning I find appealing. Everyone knows Carson is trying to take them to the cleaners, convince them his



DON CARSON & MONGOLIAN STOMPER

man is impregnable, that Mr. Wrestling II is finished, etc., etc. But Carson knows how to manage a man. He knows how to select the proper opponents, plan the proper strategy, get an edge in psychological warfare, of which he is a master. Even though his methods appall me at times and his top guy, Stomper, is a lunatic, I think a guy like Carson is healthy for the sport. Again, just my personal opinion, but that's what they pay me for. Little as that might be.

MEMPHIS, TN: So Jerry Lawler has returned has he? I for one welcome the self-proclaimed King of Memphis back into the wrestling wars. On sheer talent, Lawler ranks among the very top in the sport. He has the strength, the speed,

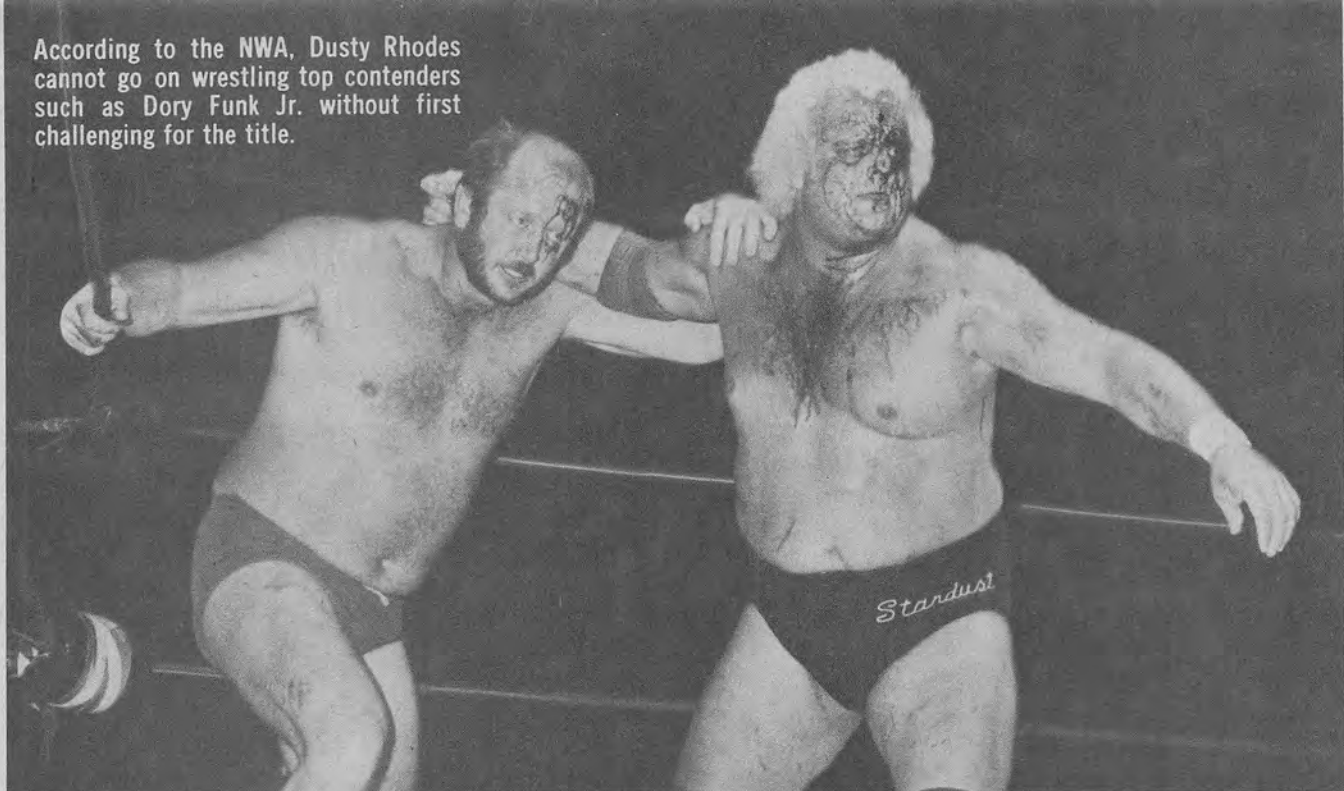


KING JERRY LAWLER

and the brains to defeat any opponent. As you might gather, I'm an unabashed Lawler fan. But he has taken on quite an opponent in Jimmy Hart, his former manager. You can never underestimate Hart's capacity for cunning. Lawler had better be very, very careful if he is to be successful in this war. He shouldn't allow pent-up hatred to obscure his reasoning. He has to approach this as coolly as anyone with his grudge ever can. Simply wanted to give this little bit of advice to a guy I really admire.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: They've been strangely silent for a little while, this team of Nick Bockwinkel and Bobby Heenan. Anyone who ever thought Bockwinkel abandoned dreams of regaining the AWA title from arch-rival Verne Gagne had to be out of his mind. Now it seems Heenan and Bockwinkel have hatched a plot to give Bockwinkel mastery of the Sleeper Hold. If I had any money left over, I would bet on Bockwinkel's eventual success. □

According to the NWA, Dusty Rhodes cannot go on wrestling top contenders such as Dory Funk Jr. without first challenging for the title.



The NWA's Ultimatum To Dusty Rhodes: WRESTLE RACE... OR YOU ARE THROUGH!

SLEEPLESS BAGS DROOPED beneath Dusty Rhodes' red eyes. Despite his physical and mental exhaustion, he couldn't sit still, alternately leaping off the chair and pacing around the room, then fiddling with the contents of his locker.

For the past few days, Rhodes had been agonizing over a directive handed him by the NWA Commissioner's office.

"I don't know what the devil I'm gonna do," said Rhodes.

After yet another painfully frustrating attempt to wrest away Harley Race's NWA crown, Rhodes made a public announcement which shocked

While Dusty has traveled throughout the world to meet the best competition, he has rejected offers to challenge Harley Race for his NWA title. Rhodes locks up Ivan Koloff's leg (below).



Dusty Rhodes faces an extremely difficult, painful decision. As a matter of conscience, Rhodes refuses to wrestle NWA champion Harley Race while Race holds the title. But failure to face Rhodes could result in The American Dream's departure from the NWA. What will Rhodes do?



Rhodes captured the title from Race briefly, but had to defend his title in the rematch with a broken arm (left) as the result of a pre-match attack by Terry Funk (battling Dusty, above).

the wrestling world.

"As long as Race holds the NWA title, I am not going to wrestle for the title. I ain't gonna wrestle Race and that's the end of it," Rhodes said at that time.

A man of immense integrity, Rhodes stuck to his principles. Not that he wasn't tempted.

"Some promoters offered real big bucks to close a match with me and Race," said the man known as The American Dream. "But I told 'em, no, no, no."

Fans bombarded Rhodes with written pleas to wrestle Race one more time.

"Much as I love my fans, I explained in all my letters that I just couldn't wrestle Race

again," said Rhodes.

Even Race dangled an offer before Rhodes.

"He said he'd wrestle me, like he was doin' me a favor. I know he'd be tryin' to get me into another match just so he could pull some kinda stunt and cheat his way outta trouble again," said Rhodes.

Rhodes could refuse the promoters. Rhodes could refuse the fans. Rhodes could refuse Race. But Rhodes cannot disobey the NWA.

"Here, wanna hear what they said?" Rhodes brandished the document before his eyes. "Lemme read this to you and then you tell *me* what I oughta

do." Rhodes sat, actually slumped onto a stool.

"It has come to the attention of these NWA offices that, as a top-ranked contender, you have failed to accept offers to wrestle National Wrestling Alliance champion Harley Race. Unless you accept offers to wrestle NWA champion Harley Race, you will be removed from the Alliance. You have 16 days to respond to this document."

Rhodes rose and slumped against the locker. For anyone who has watched this talented, courageous man over the years, the sight of Rhodes uncertain and dispirited is quite jolting, to

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HOTSEAT

RODDY PIPER

"RICK STEAMBOAT CAN LICK MY SHOES!"

HE HAS QUITE literally taken the entire Mid-Atlantic area by storm. Of Scottish descent, this proud nationalist carries his heritage into the ring, replete with kilts and bagpipes. Others might find his brutality and vicious cunning offensive. Many area wrestlers resent, despise, and fear the new United States heavyweight champion. For all the controversy his every action provokes, he is remarkably self-assured. He is definitely a man with a purpose and a clear vision of what he wants and how he must go about realizing his dreams. He is Roddy Piper.

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY STU SAKS

- Q:** Are you surprised you were able to defeat Ric Flair for the United States heavyweight title?
- A:** Defeating men of Flair's low intellectual abilities and piddling physical skills is not exactly a surprise. That he didn't collapse within minutes

was the only surprise.

- Q:** Certainly you can't say Flair isn't talented?
- A:** If he's so talented then why isn't he still champion?

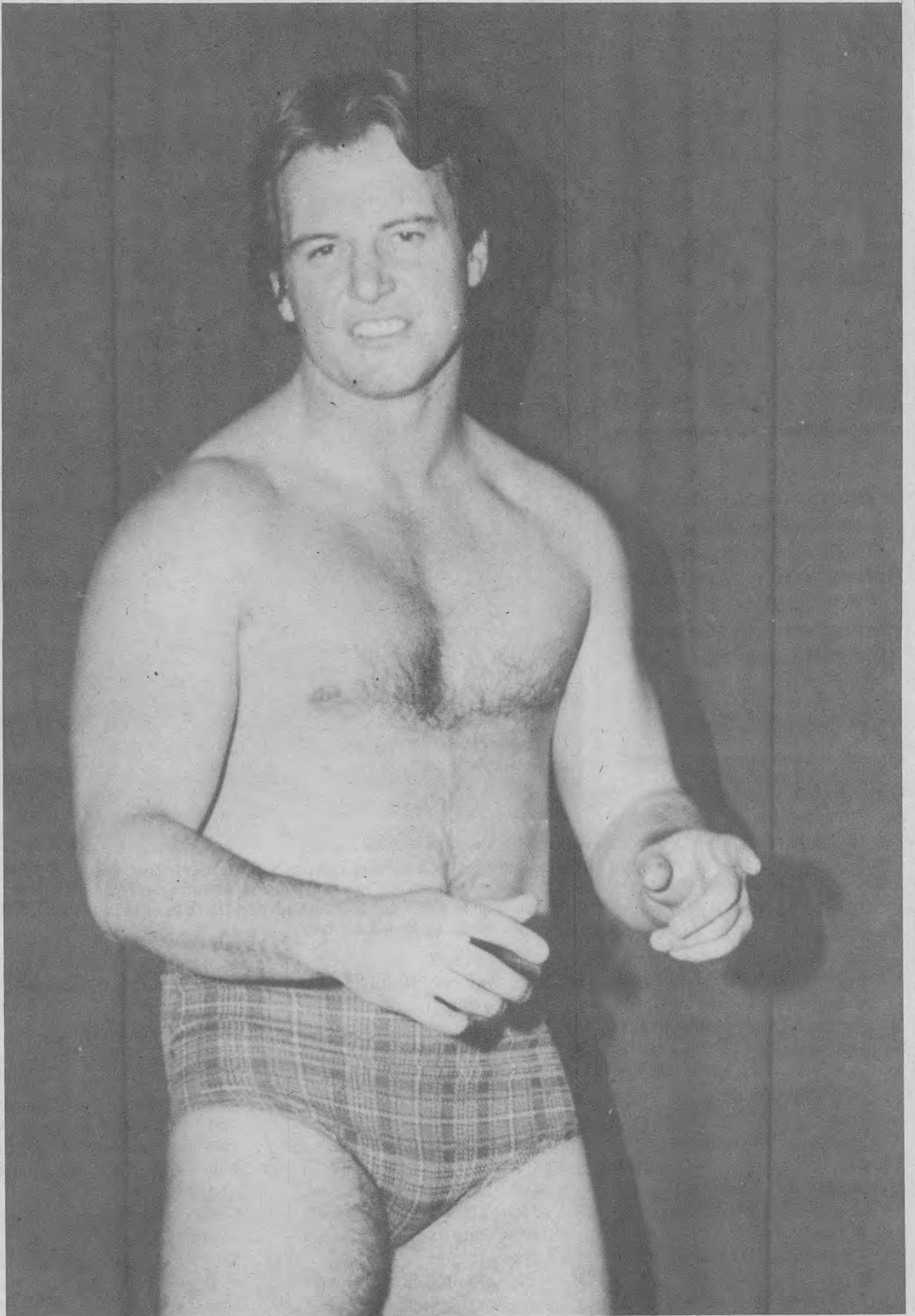
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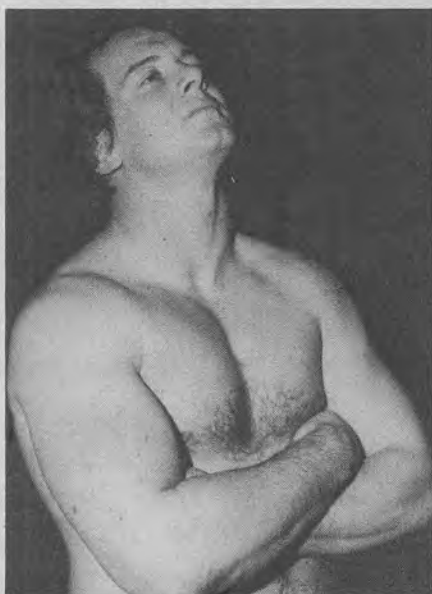
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- Q:** Winning and losing doesn't necessarily determine a man's talent.
- A:** That's the *only* determinant of skill. That is what this sport is all about, winning and losing. I have no patience for losers.
- Q:** So you think the only measure of a man's worth are the number of titles he has won?

- A:** What are you going to measure worth by, standards set by losers?
- Q:** What does that mean?
- A:** It means standards are often set by losers. For example, a man like Rick Steamboat, and I hesitate to call him a man. Since Steamboat has consistently been unable to hold a major title, he acts as if the love of idiotic fans is more important than success.
- Q:** Steamboat considers winning a title more important.
- A:** Ah, but will he pay the price for that success? Is he willing to devise a brilliant formula like I have if it means getting his pretty face bashed in, accept the punishment and the sacrifices? Or is he content to complain and turn to his moronic fans who would support a rooster if he said nice things about them? No, Steamboat will not pay the price of success and I cannot respect that. A man like Steamboat has only one function.





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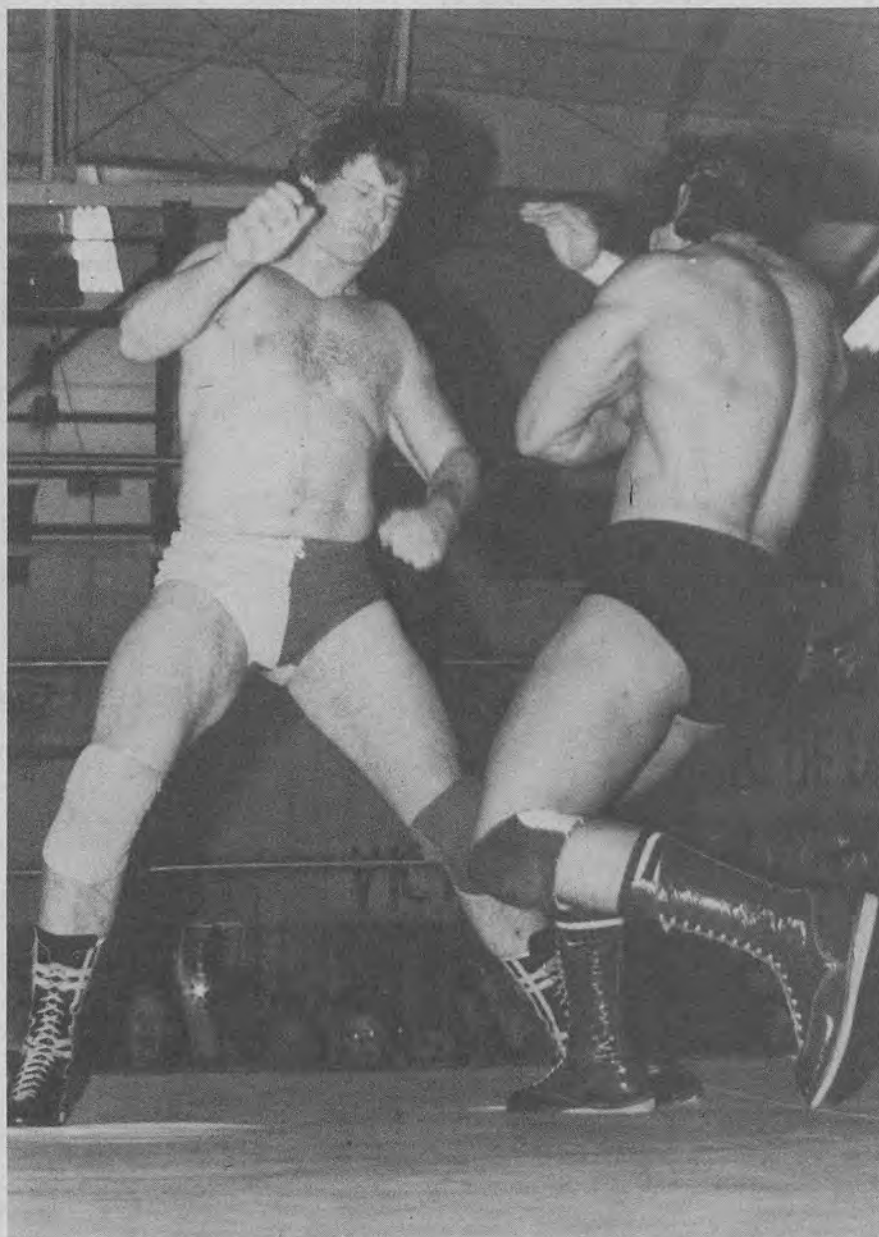
Q: Which is?

A: Rick Steamboat can lick my shoes! There is nothing else he is good for, that is the sum and substance of his skills. He can quote his ridiculous philosophies all he wants because as one who is well-versed in all universal thoughts, I know he is simply perverting that philosophy.

Q: In what way?

A: A man content only to spew out philosophy is nothing more than a baboon. You must have the courage of your convictions to act upon that philosophy. You must be willing to go out into the world and prove that your way is best. Or else shut up forever.

Q: And that is the way of



Piper gets the best of a mid-ring collision with Rick Steamboat. Roddy feels that he gets the better of Steamboat in every situation. According to Piper, Steamboat can philosophize all he wants, but if he does not have the skills or courage behind him to back up the words, he should not talk.

Roddy Piper?

A: The way of Roddy Piper shows strength and courage, both physical and mental.

Q: You can't use one without the other, right?

A: I have been blessed with a great mind, but I have spent hours perfecting and expanding my intelligence. I have read and pondered, which allows me to easily defeat nitwits like Masked Superstar.

Q: Now hold on, Masked Superstar is quite intelligent.

A: According to your lowly standards. You think Superstar, and I've never heard of a worse name for a man so ill-equipped, is bright. Maybe that is because you are quite stupid and think anyone who can string together more than two words at once has a brain.

Q: My intelligence is not in question.

A: Correct, I never pursue empty arguments.

Q: Why don't we get back to wrestling?

A: Fine.



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From a standing position, Piper leaps high in the air to land his knees in Steamboat's face. Roddy claims to have developed a new direction for professional wrestling in which the body is developed to respond to the tremendous potential of the mind. So far, he says, he is the only one who has perfected the method.

Q: Now that you are United States heavyweight champion, what are your plans?

A: In what order?

Q: Are there a lot?

A: You think I'm like a Steamboat or Flair or Superstar with just one thought dying of loneliness? I have a complete and exhaustive master plan.

Q: Would you care to tell the world?

A: Parts. Other components of the strategy are so complex that your average human being cannot possibly comprehend it.

Q: Could you give us a few plans?

A: My pleasure. And I even brought along a bottle of aspirin for the migraine you will surely suffer trying to understand me.

Q: I prefer a cold compress.

A: Whatever. As United States heavyweight champion, I intend on revolutionizing all of professional wrestling. Once my master plan is in place, all wrestlers will become obsolete. I will be the prototype of a new race of professional wrestlers. Those I choose to be my disciples shall be brought along until all of wrestling is stamped with my greatness.

Q: What is this revolution?

A: Well, again, we're getting into very complex areas. It must begin with the perfect harmony of mind and body. The human mind has vast potential no one, except perhaps myself and Albert Einstein, can explore. I have

dashed through the dark recesses of knowledge and brought back to this lowly human race a greater wisdom and genius than the world has ever known. All my principles of wrestling, all that motivates me has been changed.

Q: While still developing the body?

A: Correct, you understand the edges. The body must be made to obey the wishes of the mind. Additionally, the body must be honed and developed so it can handle the demanding wishes of the mind. Few can handle this. Thus far, only Roddy Piper understands.

Q: Roddy, this has been an interesting interview. Thanks for coming.

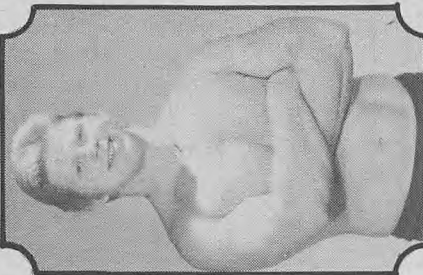
A: It was your pleasure. □

INSIDE WRESTLING'S

OFFICIAL RATINGS

These Ratings Are Compiled With The Assistance Of Top Wrestlers, Promoters, And Reporters. They Are Universally Accepted As Official

World Wrestling Federation



Champion:
BOB BACKLUND



1—STAN HANSEN

American Wrestling Association



Champion:
VERNE GAGNE



1—NICK BOCKWINKEL

National Wrestling Alliance



Champion:
HARLEY RACE



1—RODDY PIPER

Most Popular Wrestlers



1—ANDRE THE GIANT



2—BRUNO
SAMMARTINO

Most Hated Wrestlers



1—STAN HANSEN



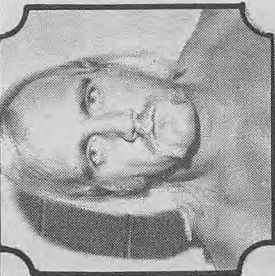
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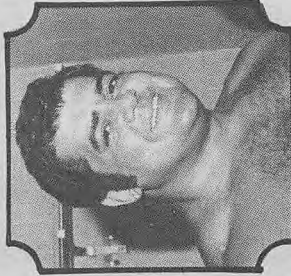


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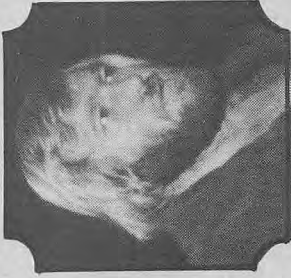


4—ANGELO MOSCA

- 5—KILLER KHAN
- 6—SGT. SLAUGHTER
- 7—PAT PATTERSON
- 8—MAGNIFICENT MURACO
- 9—RICK MARTEL
- 10—TONY GAREA



2—BILLY ROBINSON



3—JOHN STUDD



4—DINO BRAVO

- 5—CRUSHER BLACKWELL
- 6—JIM BRUNZELL
- 7—MAD DOG VACHON
- 8—TITO SANTANA
- 9—GREG GAGNE
- 10—ADRIAN ADONIS



2—TONY ATLAS



3—RICK STEAMBOAT

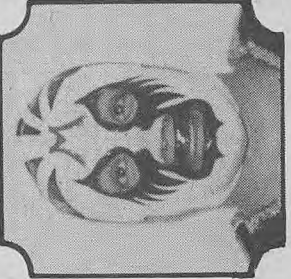


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- 6—SWEET BROWN SUGAR
- 7—DUSTY RHODES
- 8—MR. WRESTLING II
- 9—LES THORNTON
- 10—KERRY VON ERICH



3—DUSTY RHODES

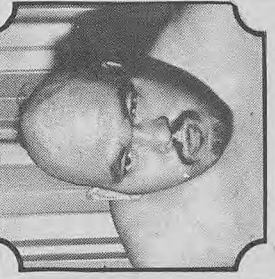


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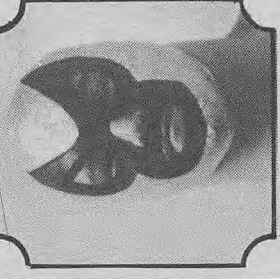
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- 9—JUNKYARD DOG
- 10—DINO BRAVO



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4—GREG VALENTINE



5—MASKED GRAPPLER

- 6—KEN PATERA
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- 8—TERRY GORDY
- 9—EDDY MANSFIELD
- 10—DENNIS CONDRIY



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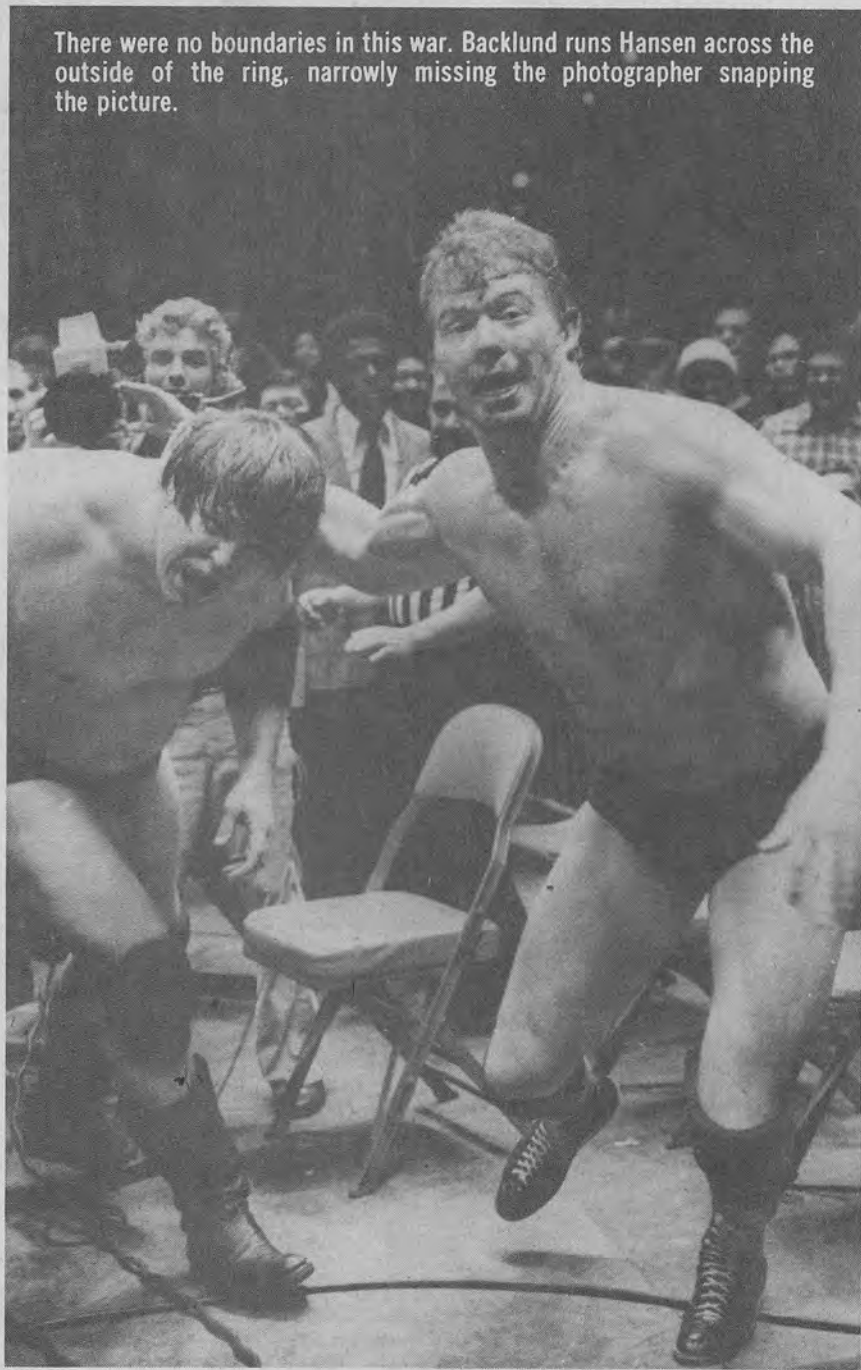
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4—THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS

- 5—DUSTY RHODES & ANDRE THE GIANT
- 6—MR. FUJI & TENRU
- 7—THE MOONDOGS
- 8—KERRY VON ERICH & BRUISER BRODIE
- 9—GREG GAGNE & JIM BRUNZELL
- 10—THE BOUNTY HUNTERS

There were no boundaries in this war. Backlund runs Hansen across the outside of the ring, narrowly missing the photographer snapping the picture.



Bob Backlund vs. Stan Hansen: THE BLOODY BATTLE FOR WWF SUPREMACY

ALL TOO OFTEN, Bob Backlund hears how this latest foe is the toughest he will ever face in his career.

"Sometimes it's a case of people crying wolf," said Backlund, the WWF champion. "Sometimes people want to build someone up and say how rough and tough he is.

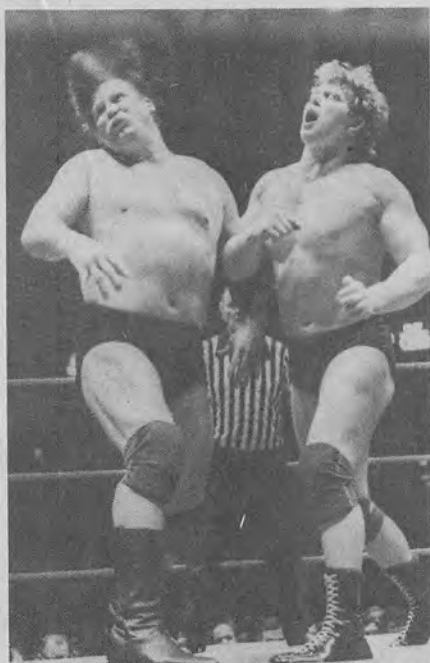
"Well, it's getting to the stage where I deal with everyone the same, anticipating that they'll all be rough and tough. Then along comes someone like Stan Hansen and he's even worse than I ever could imagine."

Arnold Skoaland, Backlund's shrewd manager, explains the process involved in readying his young champion for each foe.

"Right off, I want Bob to understand exactly who and what he'll be facing," said Skoaland. "I don't want him getting any false impressions or ideas and getting overconfident. That's probably my biggest fear.

"You have to understand, only the very best, and very meanest go after Bob. I know I might sound kind of redundant to Bob always telling him how mean and rough and vicious this guy is and that guy is, but I want him to be fully prepared.

"Naturally, that's in addition to the exhaustive scouting measures we use, both from films and from notes, to prepare us for each title match. But I'll admit that neither Bob nor I really, completely and fully, appreciate the depths of Hansen's sadism. He is one



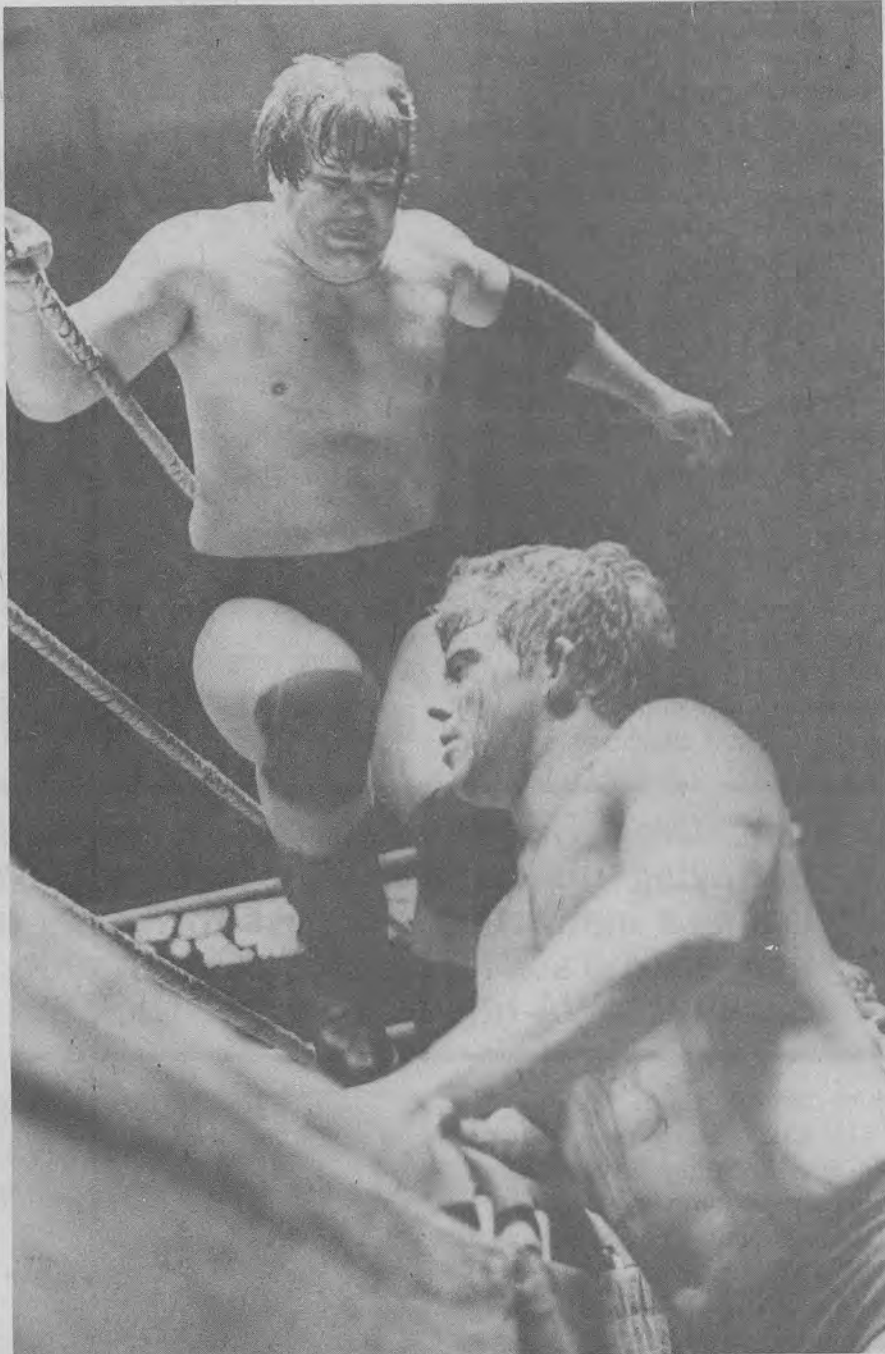
Both men appear to be stunned as the result of a mid-ring collision (above). Hansen prepares to pounce from the ring apron upon a bloody Backlund (right).

mean man," said Skoaland.

Hansen scoffs at the Skoaland-Backlund method of preparation.

"They can take all the films they want," he said. "They can scout me out every second of the way. They can think they know exactly what I'm gonna do. Well, what they can't get through their idiotic heads is that the reason I'm so damn brilliant is that I'm unpredictable. They think like all the other challengers, that I'm gonna follow one way and one way only."

"The match they cheated me out of the title in just showed how damn stupid their way is. You can only scout so much. Skoaland can only tell Backlund so much. But no one can help Backlund once he gets into the ring, and that's when he needs the most help."



Their match in New York's Madison Square Garden proved to be one of the goriest, most violent brawls ever. Each and every second was filled with violence. Neither man cared to hold back. More importantly, neither man

exhibited the slightest concern for their opponent's welfare.

Hansen never cares what must be done to defeat a foe.

"I don't look upon this as a sport, but as a substitute for

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This may be Bob Backlund's greatest challenge. Surely Stan Hansen, master of the infamous Lariat hold, poses a dangerous threat to Backlund's title reign. After this inhumanly bloody, savage battle which nearly shook down Madison Square Garden, WWF fans can look forward to the continuation of this brutal feud

THERE ARE WRESTLERS who refuse to help youngsters looking to break into the sport. They will toss aside the letters requesting tips, pointers, or just friendly advice. Those wrestlers file such requests in a special cabinet. The garbage can.

And then there is Greg Gagne.

"I never turn my back on anyone looking for help," said Gagne. "I really believe that if I'm lucky enough to be in the greatest sport in the world then I should share my luck with others. I've had a lot of people come to me asking for advice.

"Sometimes someone will drop by the gym where I work out and ask for some pointers. I don't think I've ever said no to anyone. But I guess I should've said no

Nick Bockwinkel vs. Verne Gagne:

HAS GREG GAGNE BETRAYED HIS FATHER?

Yes, Greg Gagne may have committed the ultimate sin: betraying his father. While it is not a conscious decision, Gagne's instinctive kindness to strangers and willingness to help all who ask for his aid indirectly aided the man who wants back the AWA title from Verne, Nick Bockwinkel

just that one time."

He said his name was Murray. Murray Bockberber, to be exact. He said he came from New York, Queens, New York, to be exact. He said he wanted to be a professional wrestler. A scientific wrestler, to be exact. And he said he wanted to learn one move.

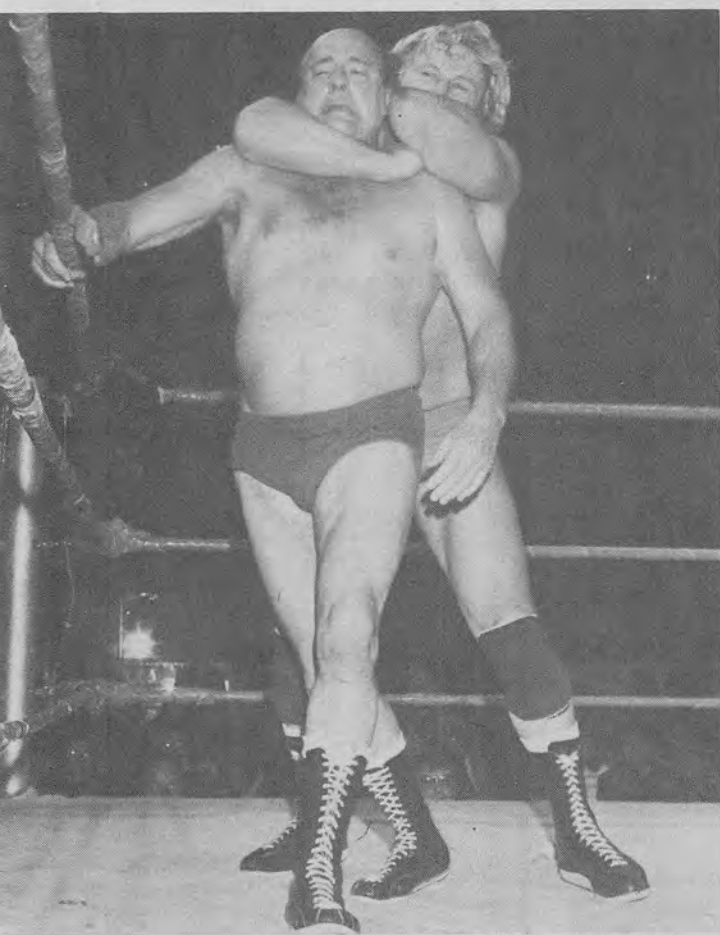
"The sleeperhold was the one he wanted," said Greg.

Gagne recalls that fateful encounter between himself and the heavyset, friendly youth.

"He came into the gym, all bug-eyed and everything," recalls Gagne. "He explained how he had moved to Minneapolis, that he loved cold weather, the scenery and all. Then he tells me how he was quite an accomplished amateur wrestler and wanted to get into pro wrestling.



Verne Gagne draws a shout of pain from Nick Bockwinkel as he increases the pressure on his wristlock.



Bockwinkel assumed that knowing the secret of the Gagne sleeperhold would automatically result in his regaining the AWA title. What he neglected to consider, however, is that a master of applying the sleeper is also a master at escaping the hold.

"I gave him the once-over and thought he looked like he could be a good wrestler. He appeared very bright, well-built with a tad

of baby fat, and he had good speed. But most importantly, he was a nice kid, this Murray, or whatever his name is."

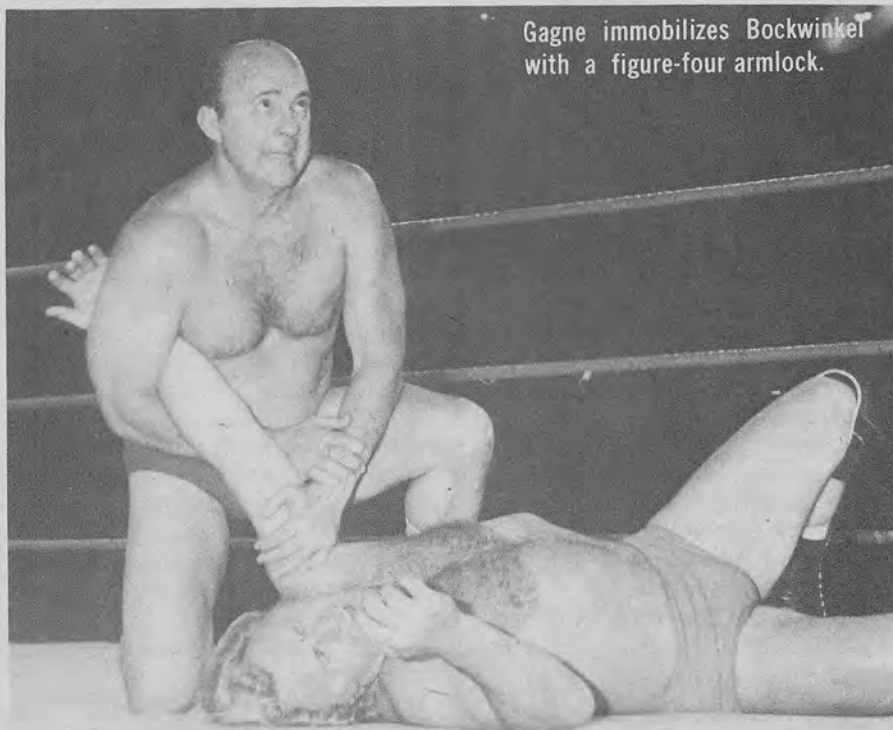
Gagne spent several days demonstrating the sleeperhold to Murray.

"What I find strange now, though I didn't and should've at the time, was the exhaustive notes he took on every aspect of the sleeper. He just explained he wanted to be able to go home and practice the maneuver. I didn't think anything of it."

Murray Bockberber did indeed go home every night. But not to the studio apartment he told Gagne he rented. No, Murray Bockberber, alias Murray Bockwinkel, went back to his uncle's palatial retreat each night.

Yup, the last name is no mere coincidence. Murray was Nick Bockwinkel's nephew, sent by the former AWA champion to spy on the Gagnes and learn the secret of the sleeperhold.

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Gagne immobilizes Bockwinkel with a figure-four armlock.

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DERBY, CT

By Gary Wisneski



TONY GAREA
vs.
THE HANGMAN



Popular Tony Garea battled The Hangman, Fred Blassie's European wrestler. The first eight minutes of the match was brilliant as both men unleashed maneuver after maneuver. But everyone knew The Hangman would resort to rule-breaking sooner or later, and he did, taking control through his treachery. Just as Garea got his strength back to normal in preparation for yet another round of war, the time limit bell rang, ending the match.

OTHER BOUTS: The Moondogs beat Dominic DeNucci and Rick McGraw . . . S.D. Jones defeated Ron Shaw . . . Stan Hansen stopped Ricky Stallone.

SAN ANTONIO, TX

By Robert Ortiz



GINO HERNANDEZ
vs.
CHAVO GUERRERO



Gino Hernandez discovered his opposition, Chavo Guerrero, was a bit more than he'd anticipated. Though International Junior Heavyweight Champion Hernandez displayed an incredible lack of dignity in evading Guerrero's every thrust, and though the crowd booed his cowardly tactics, Hernandez kept running, obviously afraid of Guerrero. About seven minutes into the match, Hernandez deliberately disqualified himself, the only way he could keep his title.

OTHER BOUTS: Billy Robinson defeated Tank Patton . . . Eddy Mansfield downed Scott Casey . . . Tiger Conway Jr. defeated Black Gorman.

ORLANDO, FL

By Nick Boccuzzi



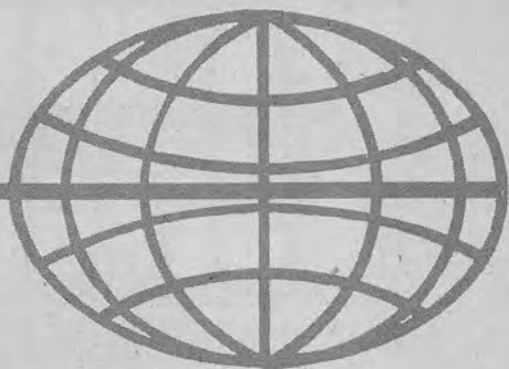
DUSTY RHODES
vs.
ASSASSIN #3



The main event saw Dusty Rhodes taking on the fiendish Assassin #3. The masked rulebreaker had an added advantage: tape around his hand concealing metal. Assassin #3 kept using rulebreaking tactics and, for a while, Rhodes kept his cool. Then Rhodes exploded and smashed Assassin #3 with a chair. Dusty had the masked man at his mercy when Baron Von Raschke jumped in. But Andre the Giant aided his buddy and, when all was said and done, Rhodes won by disqualification.

OTHER BOUTS: Andre the Giant stopped Baron Von Raschke . . . Buggy McGraw beat Assassin #1 . . . Jack and Jerry Brisco manhandled R.T. Tyler and Bobby Jagers.

WRESTLING CAPITALS



DALLAS, TX

By Shawn Hodges



KEVIN VON ERICH

vs.

KABUKI



Spectacular young superstar Kevin Von Erich took on the ever-dangerous Kabuki, managed by Gary Hart, in a thrilling main event. Shortly after the match began, Kabuki delivered a chop to Von Erich's chest, driving him back into the corner to catch his breath. An attempt at a Von Eric clawhold failed when Kabuki rubbed a foreign substance into the youngster's eyes. Recovering with an aerial move off the top rope resulting in a half cradle, Von Erich seemed to have a victory when Hart raced in and interfered. That gave Kevin Von Erich a victory by disqualification.

KINGSPORT, TN

By Stoney McAninch



MASKED SUPERSTAR

vs.

RAY STEVENS



The main event pitted fan favorite Masked Superstar against arch-rival Ray Stevens. As the brutal battle exacted a fearsome toll on both men, Ray Stevens realized he would not get a clear-cut victory. Stevens showed his true colors by using illegal tactics, but alert fans pointed that out to Superstar, who counter-attacked. After a wild exchange, Masked Superstar came out on top and was declared the winner.

OTHER BOUTS: Ric Flair and Blackjack Mulligan won by disqualification over Roddy Piper and Ray Stevens . . . Mr. Fuji stopped an impressive Don Kernodle . . . Steve Muslin whipped Sgt. Jacques Goulet .

ATLANTA, GA

By Steve Hendrix



HARLEY RACE

vs.

TONY ATLAS



After undergoing a brief recovery process for his injured leg, a healthy Tony Atlas got his rematch against Harley Race. Even before Atlas could get off his Georgia heavyweight belt, Race attacked. A fired-up Atlas responded and bombarded Race with blows, weakening the NWA champion. It looked like curtains for Race as Atlas leaped upon him for the fall. However, Race put his foot on the ropes so Atlas let the champion up. Barely able to stand, Race raced back to the dressing room, giving Atlas the win by countout, but not the belt.

OTHER BOUTS: Andre the Giant whipped Mongolian Stomper .

SPRINGTIME IN GEORGIA

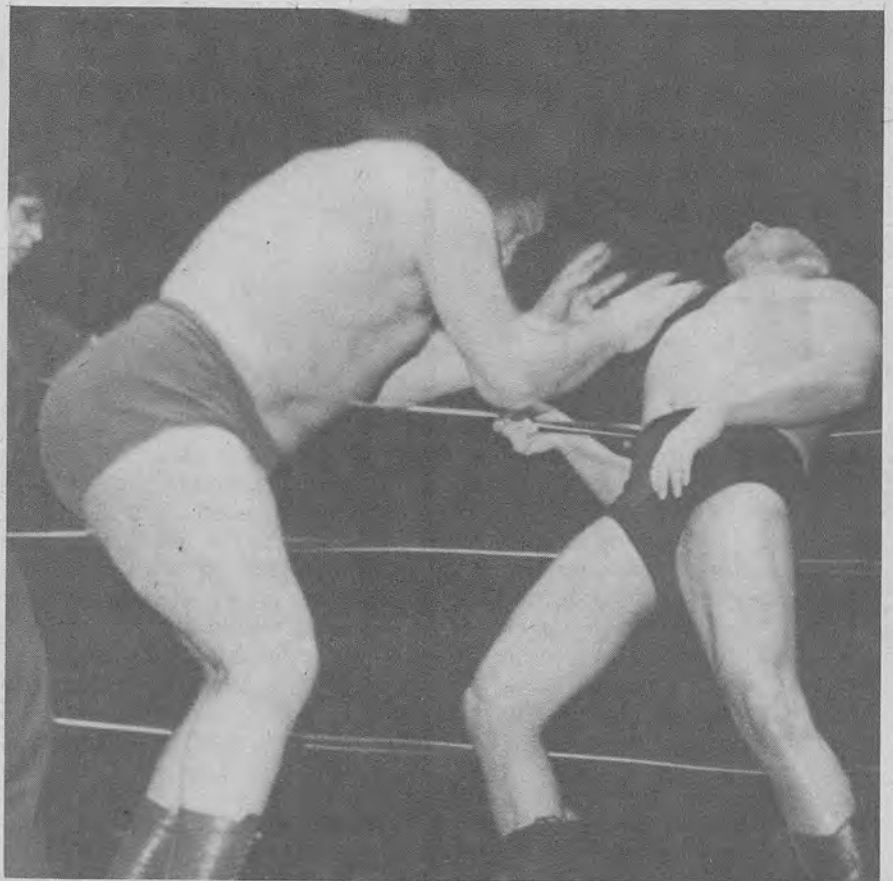
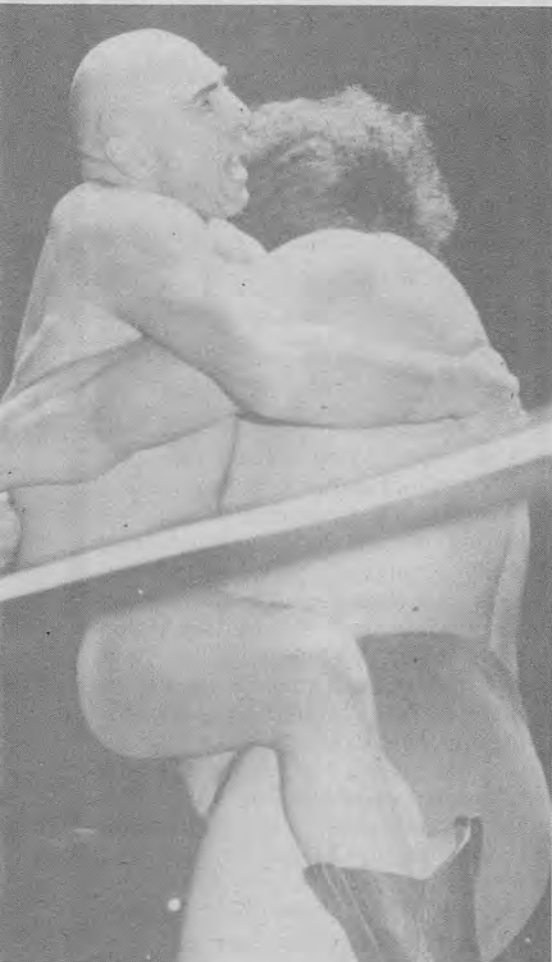
A SEASON OF VIOLENCE

The spring wars batter and rage across the face of Georgia. All the greats are involved in long and short wars, in feuds and battles which could claim not only careers but their very lives. Yet the courage of these warriors is indisputable. Through exciting photos and accompanying interviews, the season of violence is explored

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ANDRE THE GIANT VS. MONGOLIAN STOMPER

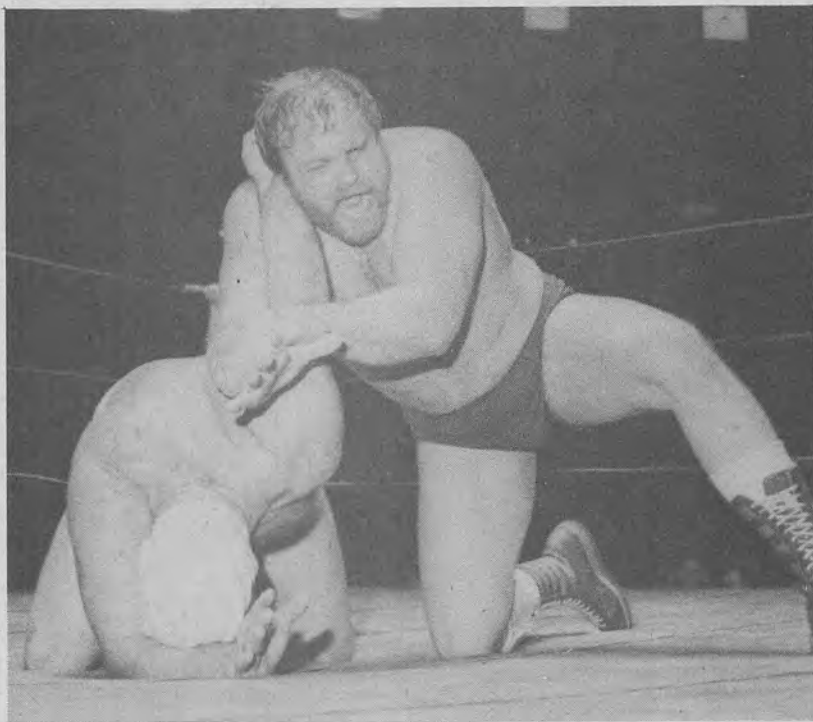
This was an especially violent match, illustrating the intense personal dislike felt by these two towering men for each other. Both men held nothing back, tearing after each other with a wide range of rough maneuvers. As it became apparent to all that Stomper would lose, his diabolical manager, Don Carson, raced into the ring. This unwarranted interference resulted in Stomper's disqualification and yet another triumph for Andre.



With Andre the Giant in complete control (applying a bearhug, left, and delivering a series of karate chops, above), Mongolian Stomper's manager, Don Carson, interfered, thus causing an immediate disqualification.

MR. WRESTLING II VS. OLE ANDERSON

These two great wrestlers have had a long feud going. This was the night their hatred would be settled. But Ole Anderson wouldn't, or maybe just can't, wrestle cleanly. Each time Mr. Wrestling II attempted to keep the match on a scientific wrestling plateau, Anderson concocted yet another filthy, deceitful trick. Finally, Anderson went just a little too far and the referee awarded the decision to II by disqualification.

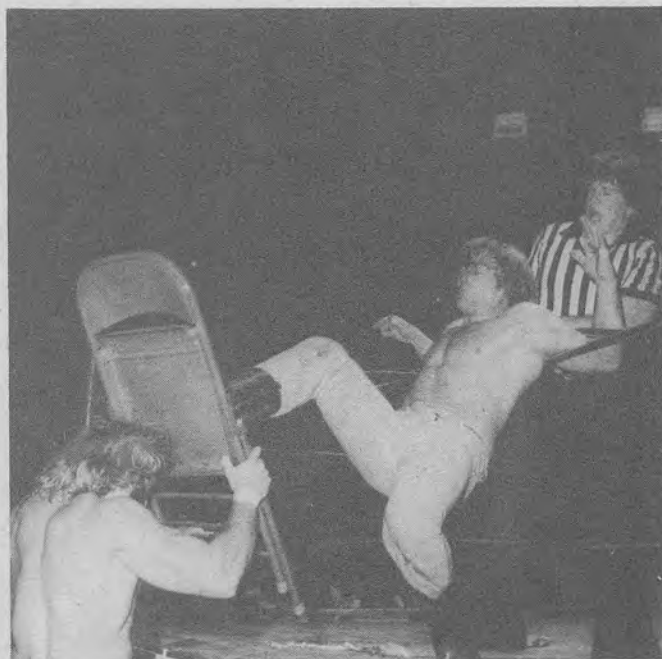


Ole Anderson and Mr. Wrestling II exchange armlocks (left and below), but that was hardly typical of the violence displayed in this match. Things got so bad that the referee had to eventually disqualify Anderson.



KEVIN SULLIVAN VS. STEVE KEIRN

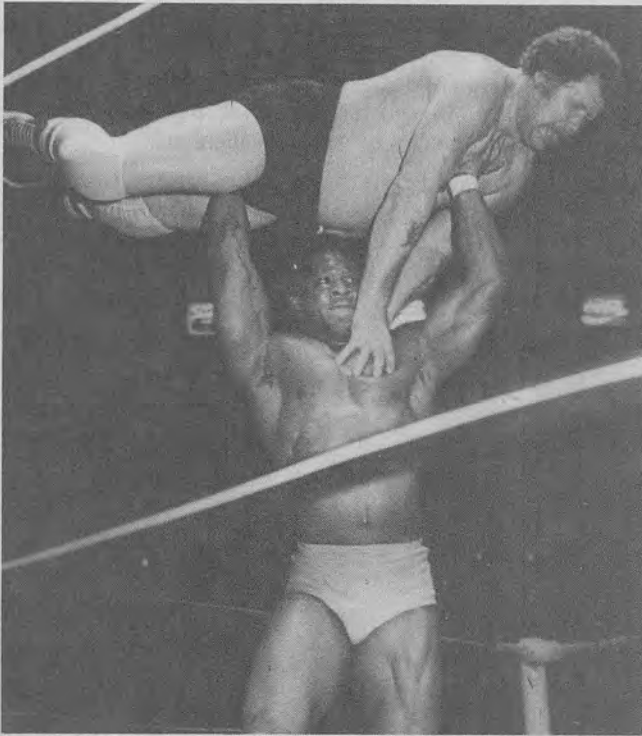
Ever since Kevin Sullivan broke from the Georgia scientific wrestling community and turned rulebreaker, Steve Keirn has been after him. Thus settling the dispute in a Boston Street Fight made perfect sense. There was amazing action, both inside and outside the ring. But to the deep disappointment of the capacity crowd, Sullivan's dazzling blend of roughness and agile maneuvers earned him a hard-fought decision over a dejected Steve Keirn.



Steve Keirn finds himself a bit tied up during his Boston Street Fight with Kevin Sullivan (above left). Sullivan tries to take advantage of Keirn's position as he grabs a chair, but Steve alertly kicks the chair into Kevin's face (above right).

HARLEY RACE VS. TONY ATLAS

Once again, courageous Tony Atlas set his sights on the NWA championship of Harley Race. And once again, Atlas' burning ambition to be champion of the world set his inner fuses and catapulted him into violence. Certainly Race doesn't avoid a brawl when he gets the chance. As a result, both men were counted outside the ring.



Before Tony Atlas could raise the NWA belt above his head, he figured he would have to do the same to the NWA champion (left). Race is counted out of the ring (below) as is his challenger.

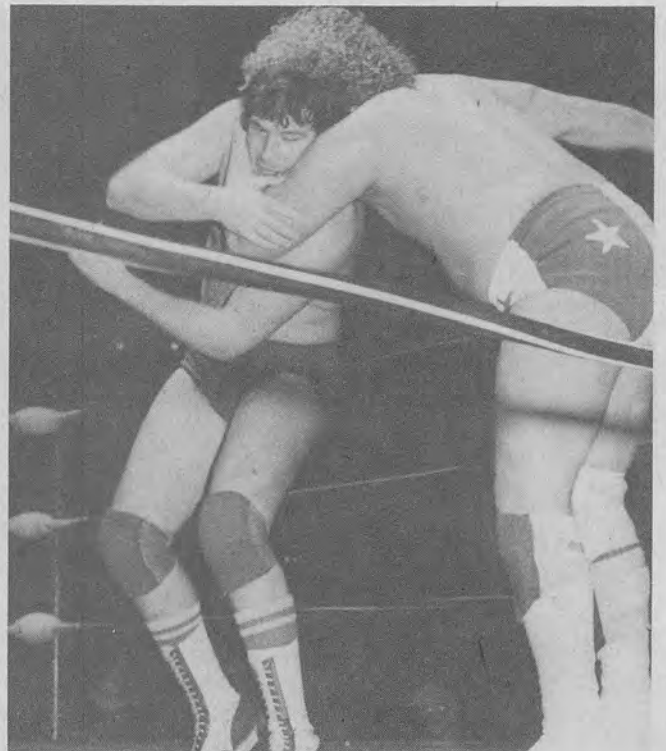


ROBERT FULLER & TED DiBIASE VS. THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS

At stake, the Georgia tag team title. Another intriguing aspect to this match was that Junkyard Dog was handcuffed to Michael Hayes, forcing the Freebird to take Dog with him wherever he went. Everytime Hayes tried to walk, the Dog sat him back down. Stripped of Hayes' brilliant unpredictability, The Freebirds simply couldn't halt the determined tandem of Fuller and DiBiase, but they did retain the title because of the disqualification rule.



Ted DiBiase and Robert Fuller display precision teamwork as they lock up Freebird Terry Gordy (above). DiBiase prepares to throw an elbow into Gordy's ribs (right).



INSIDE WRESTLING

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CAPSULE PROFILE

HIS ENTIRE LIFE reeks of sadism and cruelty ("I am tough and if you gotta be cruel to be tough and gotta be sadistic to be tough and get orders followed, then I'll be damned if I won't be tough") . . . For many years, he was a drill instructor in the United States Marine Corps ("Ah, the life, ordering 80-mile hikes with full equipment and commanding 300 push-ups and inflicting latrine duty. Who wouldn't love?") . . . Either left the Marines because he felt the Corps too soft or had to leave for excessive cruelty ("Don't have men anymore. Any man who can't run 30 miles while carrying a rifle and singing 'God Bless America' ain't fit to be in the Marines") . . . Once the decision had been made to leave the armed forces, he entered professional wrestling ("It's rough, it's savage, it's mean, it's where a real man can triumph and doesn't have to worry about nursing some

SGT. SLAUGHTER

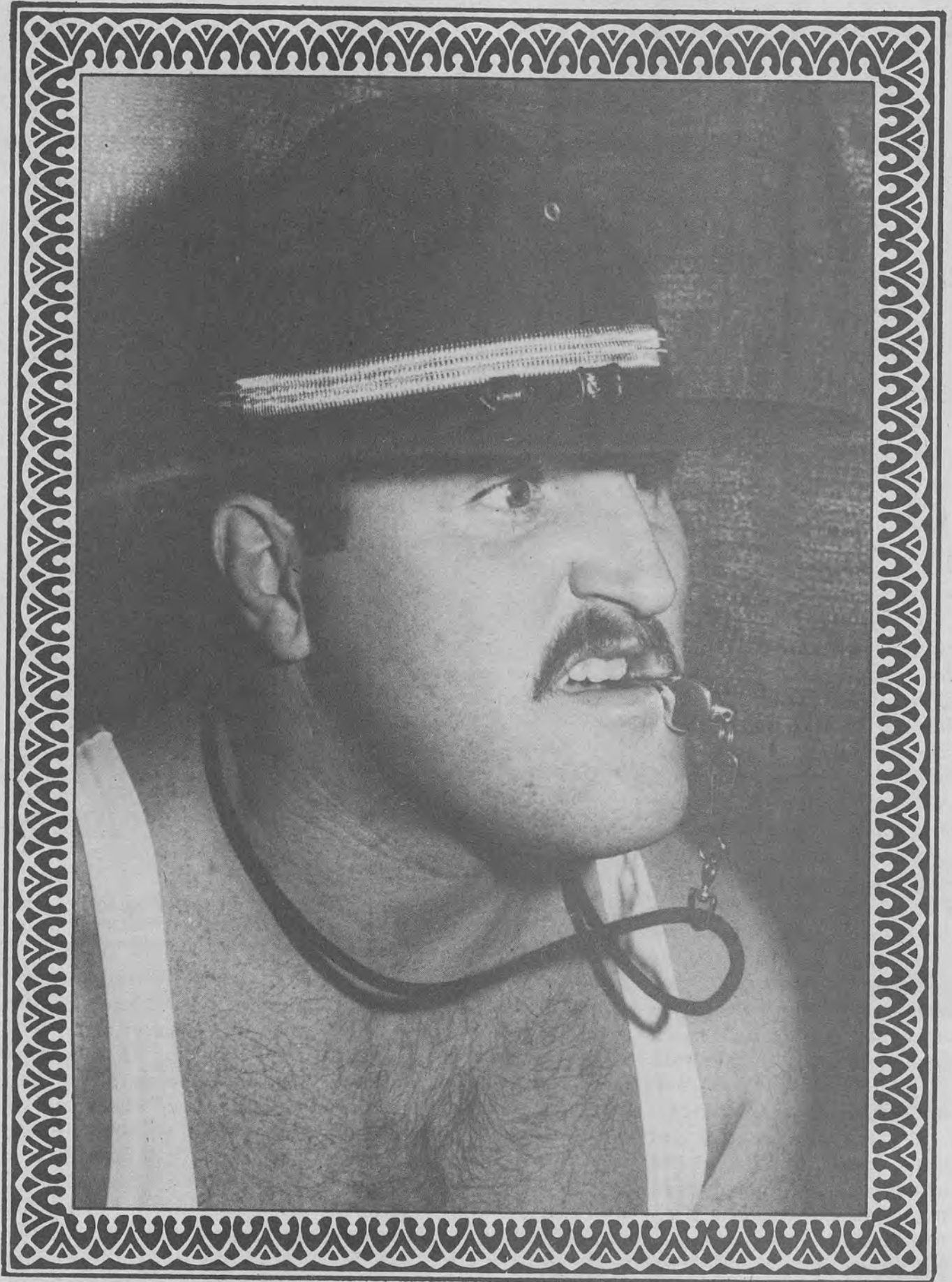


Sgt. Slaughter ducks under a charging Bob Backlund in their Madison Square Garden title match. Slaughter is rumored to have been discharged from the Marine Corps for excessive cruelty, though he claims to have quit because the men were too soft.

punk kids complaining their chests hurts") . . . Quickly signed up by The Grand Wizard, the pair have proven to be extraordinarily effective together ("Me and The General know each other, we understand each other, we're both brilliant and ruthless and ambitious and will do anything needed, make any sacrifices to whip these punks into shape") . . . Already his use of the Cobra

Clutch has taken on mythic proportions ("I invented the Cobra Clutch to drill recruits. Now I'll use it to drill opponents until they learn to obey every one of my orders without hesitation") . . . Right now feuding with Bruno Sammartino, Bob Backlund, and Pat Patterson ("None of the three stooges will ever live long enough to break out of the Cobra Clutch"). □

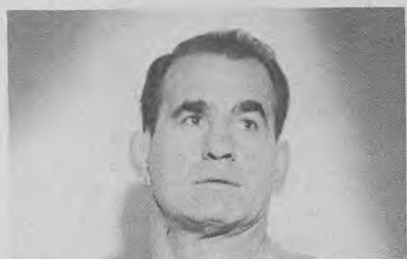
CAPSULE PROFILE PIN-UP



SGT. SLAUGHTER

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Each day, out of the thousands of letters we receive, hundreds of them are from fans asking the whereabouts of their favorite wrestler. In this special column, we will try to answer the questions you ask the most!



LOU THESZ

The legendary master of scientific wrestling has returned, most recently to the Memphis area. Unable to withstand retirement, Thesz wants to re-enter the wrestling wars and demonstrate the grace and dignity which has earned him the love and admiration of millions of fans.

MANNY FERNANDEZ

The ever-popular aerial expert has returned to Florida and, rather quickly, seized the Florida TV title from evil Baron Von Raschke. Fernandez's style makes him a fan favorite. He is kind to the fans, cooperative with the press, and friendly with his peers.



MIL MASCARAS

Brilliant and decent, Mil Mascaras invades the sovereign state of Texas. Bringing the masked man into Texas is Gary Hart and his stable of fiendish rulebreakers. But Mascaras has never been one to shy away from a battle. He vows to destroy Hart and his whole diabolical family.

TARZAN TYLER

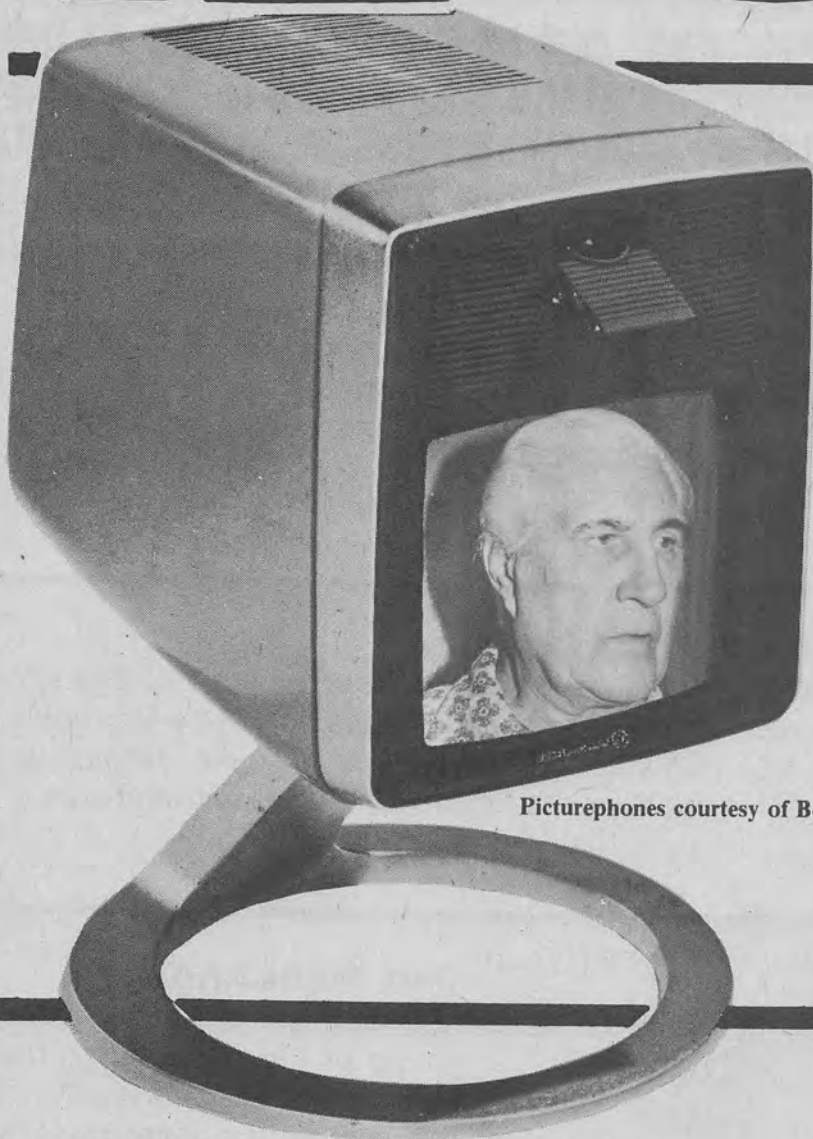
The former co-holder of the WWF tag team title with Crazy Luke Graham, Tyler has been making periodic visits to Canada. In his inimitable style, Tyler spreads destruction and fear wherever he goes. As all Canadian fans will realize, Tyler has not changed. He is the same evil man he ever was.



ONE ON ONE



(Once upon a time, they were a fearsome combination, Hulk Hogan and manager Fred Blassie. Between Hogan's enormous size and physical skills and Blassie's twisted genius, they appeared on the verge of conquering the WWF and Bob Backlund. But Hogan's moment of greatness and Blassie's sweet triumph never materialized. Instead, Hogan has tried other areas, all the while keeping his gaze upon Backlund's belt. Such wanderings apparently irritate Blassie, who insists his man will eventually get the long-awaited title shot at Madison Square Garden if he's patient. Now the two discuss these and other matters on ONE ON ONE.)



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FRED BLASSIE:

Hulk, how are you, where you callin' from?

HULK HOGAN:

Right here in the WWF, you

know that.

FB: Oh, well, I know you been travelin' around a little, givin' the airlines and buses some heavy business.

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HH: Not that much, I gotta keep all options open.

FB: Well, don't you worry, you got Blassie. Blassie takes care of his own. You don't have to run anywhere else. We're the tops, the best, he can't duck us. He'll have to come up with the dough, the world will demand it. Don't you worry one bit.

HH: Has there been any further word on that, the money issue?

FB: No, no, he won't meet our price. He and Skoaland need any excuse they can lay their fat little hands on to deny Fred Blassie the WWF championship. It won't work, we'll get it, you'll see.

HH: Maybe we should lower our

price?

FB: Why? Give in to blackmail from cowards? You think that's how I made my reputation, that's the reason I am feared throughout the world, recognized as a genius, because I give in to cowards?

HH: Come on, Fred, you know, I'd really like to get that title shot at Madison Square Garden.

FB: You will, you will. Have patience.

HH: I've had a lot of patience.

FB: Ah, the impatience of the young, always wantin' everything right now, not realizin' you have to wait your turn, pay your dues, keep on workin' and listenin' to the man who knows best, me, Fred Blassie. I promised you



Blassie proudly displays his superstar, the Incredible Hulk Hogan, a few months back when their relationship was secure (above). Hogan assumed his strong showing in Madison Square Garden against Andre the Giant (below) would lead to a title shot with Bob Backlund in the big arena. He was wrong—and now he feels he was slighted.



a shot in the Garden, you'll get it, on our terms, our way, that's the way champions act. We don't give in to nobody, only bums and has-beens and never-wases give in, not Fred Blassie.

HH: How much longer do you think it'll be?

FB: I'm working on it. Have I ever done you wrong?

HH: No.

FB: Have I ever turned my back on you, not taken care of you, not helped you and counseled you and advised you and made you into what you are today, the best, the greatest, the future champion of the world.

HH: Can I ask you something, then?

FB: Anything, son, anything at all.

HH: Well, how come you were able to get Stan Hansen a title shot in the Garden and not me.

FB: Different circumstances, completely different circumstances.

HH: How so?

FB: Well, I don't like to compare my wrestlers. I love you, I love Stan, you're both great, I treat you equally but differently, you both have your skills and your strong points. It's Backlund who looks at things differently.

HH: Could you explain, Fred, I mean, I'm kinda torn up by all this and kinda confused.

FB: I know, and I'll take care of you, I won't let anything happen to you, I understand you're hurt by Howdy Doody and Fat-Boy Skoaland duckin' you. For whatever the cowards' reasons, they accepted our offer for Hansen but not for you.

HH: Why?

FB: Why, why, think I can read the minds of snakes, think I can understand rats, think I can look inside the empty skull of Backlund and Skoaland and find meaning? I can't, they did, that's all, they have their reasons. They're afraid of Blassie, they're afraid of Hogan, they'll have to give in eventually. Don't worry, your name will be up in those lights, all the world will see you, they'll understand my greatness and your greatness and we'll go into the history books, a famous team, a great team, inspired and guided by my brilliance.

HH: Is that the only reason I haven't gotten the shot, the money issue?

FB: Of course, why else?

HH: I don't know, just thinkin'. □

Bob Backlund • Stan Hansen

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Already bleeding profusely, Backlund makes sure Hansen is at the same disadvantage as he rams his head into the metal ringpost (above). Backlund tries to summon the strength to execute a suplex (below). It took two referees to hold Hansen back (right) after the match was stopped due to excessive bleeding by both men.



war," said Hansen. "This is a brutal sport and it's only lames like Backlund who complain.

"You never hear a guy like me whining about the sport being too tough or action getting a little out of hand, do you? Nope, it's the Backlunds and Sammartinos of the world who can't take the heat.

"So what if things get a little rough? Does Backlund expect me to hold back? Hell, I'm in that

ring for one reason, to whip Backlund's butt all over town and walk away with the title. Only thing that amazes me is someone ain't whipped his hide before. He and Skoaland must pay awful lot of dough to keep on bribing the officials so they'll let Backlund get away with all that cheating and other stuff he pulls."

What was interesting was Backlund's ability to match



Hansen, violent maneuver for violent maneuver. This is yet another step in the champion's capacity to adapt to the unique skills of his foes.

"When I first started, I really didn't want to brawl," said Backlund. "I didn't think it was befitting of a champion to slosh around in bloodshed. But I've matured and I realize that you have to get down in the gutter every now and then, no matter how distasteful you might find it, if you ever want to keep your title.

"I won't purposely try and maim someone. That I would never do, I just don't care, it isn't right and I won't do it because I couldn't look at myself in the mirror. But I do understand that when I'm wrestling someone like Hansen, things will get violent, and, if I want to keep my title, I'd better learn how to do it.

"I guess I've been learning pretty well. You did happen to see who walked off with the belt this time around, didn't you?" Backlund asked, winking. □

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for Social Security. You want to know how it feels to be challenging for a title at my age. Basically, you want to know how the heck I do it."

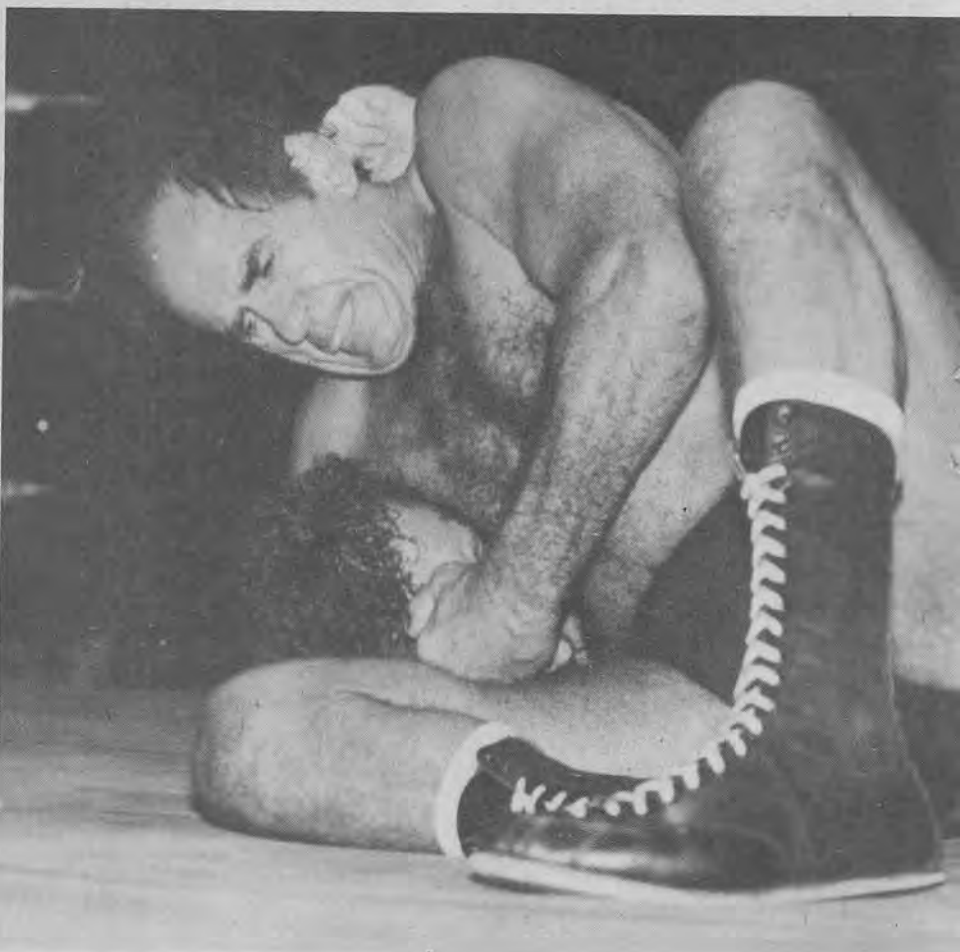
At that point I wasn't sure if I was more impressed with Lou Thesz the man or Lou Thesz the physical marvel. It was close.

For professional wrestling, 1937 was a monumental year. It was in December of that year that Lou Thesz won the NWA title for the first of six times. That he could be challenging Billy Robinson for the CWA title 33 years later boggles the mind. It makes you believe in immortality.

"That's a lot of bunk," he said.

The man can only be described as incredible. He is agile, he is resilient, his muscles are firm. He is also 65 years old. Lou Thesz is a medical marvel, though he doesn't think so. The key to staying young, he says, is taking care of yourself. CWA Champion Billy Robinson, looking for a way out of Thesz's headlock, will certainly vouch for the fact that Thesz is still a superstar.

"There's no such thing as immortality. But there is such a thing as caring about yourself. You know, it's amazing how little regard a man has for his own body. When you are young, you really do think you're immortal. You can't relate to old age, so you can't comprehend the importance of taking care of yourself. My first wrestling coach got to me early. I was lucky. I always took care of myself. Never smoked. Always got a lot of rest. And I took a drink only on special occasions. There's really nothing mystical. Just eat the right foods and never stop exercising, and you



can keep yourself young for a long time.

It all made sense to me. Until I thought about what kind of exercise this man is doing. We're talking professional wrestling, not 20 jumping-jacks and 50 situps in the morning.

Dr. Kyle Maxim explained the phenomenon the best he could. "Quite often we make the mistake of judging a person's age strictly by the numbers," he said. "However, there is a great deal of validity to the old saying that you're only as old as you feel. You can't say that Lou Thesz is unfit to wrestle just because of his age. I've examined the man and he literally has the body of a 35-year-old man. I'll admit men like Lou Thesz are rare, but he certainly is not a god. He's just a man who has led a good, clean life and is now reaping the benefits."

Remarkable. ☐

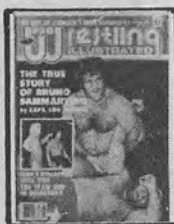


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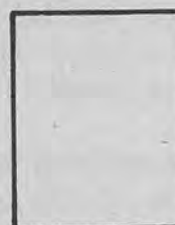
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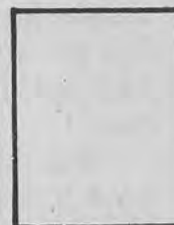
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Junkyard Dog was voted "Inspirational Wrestler of the Year" for wrestling Michael Hayes while suffering from temporary blindness. In that match, however, Hayes' spine was seriously injured and he continued to wrestle. Shocket feels Michael is the inspirational wrestler of all time.

or total paralysis. He shouldn't be wrestling at all. It would be suicidal for him to wrestle regularly."

"Suicidal means killing oneself. Do you mean to use that word?"

"I choose my words very carefully."

The doctor got up and walked to his files. He took out the one marked "Hayes, Michael" and handed it to me.

"This is everything you have to know about Hayes. He suffered the injury against Buck Robley. It was re-injured by Junkyard Dog. There's a description of the injury, my diagnosis and treatment. I want you to take it to any doctor you wish. I want you to get another opinion. When this becomes public, every fact should be checked and doublechecked by people you trust. We're dealing here with a man's career, a man's life.

"As you know, Hayes is proud to the point of being foolish. If the fans keep riding him, sooner or later he'll start wrestling full-time. That will surely result in a catastrophe. When he's in a wheelchair, fan sympathy won't mean a thing.

"This way, the fans will know. I hope they'll stop daring him to wrestle more often. If not, then they'll have the man's ruined life on their consciences.

"As a doctor, I took a vow to protect and preserve human life if they could afford my exorbitant fees. Going public with Hayes' condition is the best way I know to protect the man's life. It may ruin my career. Well, a career isn't worth much if you can't save those you treat."

The extent of Dr. Fraser's courage was revealed when I went to other doctors with the file. All are top men in

the field of sports medicine, all have excellent reputations, but none would allow their names to be used. As one man said, "To be honest, I don't have Fraser's guts. I don't think a single athlete will go to him after this. He may be saintly, but he's ruined. I'm not saintly. I'll give you my opinion, but I'll sue you for every cent you have if you use my name."

To a man, every doctor agreed with Fraser's diagnosis. Hayes shouldn't be wrestling at all. Certainly, he must not wrestle on a regular basis. In time, with the proper care, the injury should heal. Without the proper care, every doctor agreed Hayes will be walking with a cane by age 40.

Dr. Fraser came to me because of my reputation for admiring rulebreakers. He hoped my printing the information would quell any suspicions that the information was leaked by Hayes' enemies. Michael may not know it, but Dr. Fraser is the best friend he'll ever have.

As might be expected, Hayes refused any comment on the story. He claims his neck is fine. That he doesn't wrestle often is part of a "Freebirds' secret plan. If I tell you about it," Hayes said, "then it wouldn't be secret."

Now it's up to the fans. They can jeer and drive a man to paralysis and perhaps death. Or, they can rise above partisanship and protect a man from himself.

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Paul Jones and Masked Superstar must be punished for turning their backs on former friends like Jimmy Snuka, whom they are double-teaming (above).

friends and the wonderful way of rulebreaking?

I, for one, wouldn't want vermin and crud like Jones and Superstar coming back to rulebreaking. Who needs them? I think men like The Andersons and Hussein Arab and Ivan Koloff are a lot better off without turncoat friends like Jones and Superstar.

Let the NWA tag team champions, and they probably won't be once this letter appears, associate with fellow rats and crud like Rick Steamboat and Ric Flair. We, the real fans in the Mid-Atlantic area, could give a hoot less about the champions and only wait for the glorious moment when they are dethroned and tossed out of the area, once and for all.

VERNON NASALBAUM
Sumter, SC

WELCOME BACK, LOU

My, my, it surely did my heart good to see Lou Thesz returning to the wrestling wars. His match against Bill Robinson for the CWA title was pure delight. I think Thesz still has a great deal to give to the



Imagine how many autographs Lou Thesz must have signed through his career.

game. He is surely the equal of any other wrestler 10 years his junior.

His experience, his cunning and his vast well of skills make Thesz a great wrestler and a great man. I hope this is just another step on the road back for Lou Thesz toward a world championship title.

VINNIE CASTELLANO
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HOPES FOR EDDIE

In my humble opinion, I think Eddie Gilbert is going to the number one wrestling superstar inside of one year. Already he is showing the sort of genius and courage men much older have never shown.

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Ever hear of a hungry athlete? The term has been applied in the past to Buggy McGraw. But it was meant to imply that Buggy had a great desire to succeed. Did he really eat an American flag? We doubt it.

Well, *something* put that lady from Pierre in the hospital. And *something* sent Mancosi to the police station with a report of what he claimed to have seen.

What does the Masked Grappler have to say about all this fuss?

"I really look like a combination of Robert Redford and John Travolta," he said via telephone. "The only reason I wear a mask is so that Hollywood won't mob me with offers to make the remake of 'Gone With The Wind!'"

Needless to say, we'll keep digging to find out the truth in this bizarre story. Stu Saks just flew down to New Orleans to talk with police and mental health officials. Gary Morgenstein is flying to Pierre to interview the woman when she arrives home. The big question

remains: Is there more to the Masked Grappler than meets the eye?

RUMOR VS. FACT

RUMOR: Florida fan favorite Buggy McGraw had to have his stomach pumped in a Tampa hospital after eating an entire American flag!

FACT: While we all know how patriotic Buggy is, we somehow doubt this story. Especially since it came from the same source who told us McGraw flew to Iran and spent a week with the hostages last summer. Love ya, Bugger.

RUMOR: Junkyard Dog is considering retiring from the squared circle to become a stand-up comedian in the Catskill Mountain resort hotels in New York.

FACT: Anyone who knows Dog is aware of his sharp sense of humor. (His Christmas card last year featured a picture of him decorating a Christmas tree in the middle of a junkyard). But he is not leaving wrestling.

"I did some comedy before I started wrestling," he admitted. "But I stopped when I realized I could be more beneficial to society as a wrestler." Good man, Dog. Keep hounding those rulebreakers.

INJURY REPORT

DAVID VON ERICH was conducting a television interview when the insidious KABUKI attacked him and kicked one of his teeth out! The incident will not keep Von Erich out of action, however.

PEDRO MORALES has complained of recent stomach



Pedro Morales sinks into his corner, suffering from severe stomach cramps. The cause of the cramps was unknown, but they did keep the Intercontinental champion out of action a number of days.

cramps during matches in the WWF. "It got so bad during one match last week," Morales said, "that I had to cancel my match the following night. The promoter asked me to wrestle, but I had to tell him, 'No mas, no more.'"

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Europeans and the Saudi Arabian faction wanted to dictate the terms of power. Originally, there had been a Russian faction, acting completely on its own, without any backing from the Soviet government.

"However, there was such bickering within the Russian faction and such intemperate demands for power that it was decided, by the Europeans and Saudi Arabians, to oust the Russians from power. Still, there was a breach between the two groups. There had to be a side both trusted, someone to bridge the gap. Only a man of The Sheik's reputation could do this.

"Thus The Sheik brought messages between the groups, acting as a mediator. It was thus established that there would be a committee of three, The Sheik, a European, and a Saudi Arabian, none of whom were professional wrestlers."

I sat fascinated, unable to move. Fine, the contours were set. But why???

"It is, in the end, a question of nationalism. It is quite invigorating for people of a nation to read about one of their own winning a major championship. It brings pride and joy to these people. They felt that, with Hussein Arab and Baron Von Raschke as champions, Arab in the Mid-Atlantic and Von Raschke in Florida, their own nations could swell their chests with pride.

"It is always quite amazing, even to me, to see what millionaires will do with their money. This entire affair took 15 months to arrange. Now Von Raschke and Arab have unlimited funds to pursue their nations' dreams."

I slumped back into the chair, drained. Everything suddenly made sense, from the secret meetings to the ousting of Koloff from the international syndicate to The Sheik's visits to Florida when Von Raschke was present. Everything made perfect, terrifying sense.

But I still wanted to know why this man went public with his story.

"Quite frankly, I don't feel international money has any place in American wrestling. I don't think it belongs, quite frankly. I was hoping that by publicizing this story, those millionaires in their foreign nations might get frightened and stop supporting Von Raschke and Arab. We'll have to wait and see."

I asked one final question: Are you afraid of reprisals?

"Oh, well, I might imagine someone might want to come after me. But I am not alone. Already we, in America, have an organization dedicated to keeping foreign interests out of sports, allowing the individual to wrestle on his own merits. We have been quite diligent, oh, I rather doubt anyone will be able to get close to me.

"We know this will be a long struggle, a concerted effort to turn back the likes of Von Raschke and Arab and even Koloff and Volkoff, and all those who look beyond our shores for assistance. But, in the end, we will triumph. This country never turns anyone away. We want all to receive a fair shake, to win or lose on their own skills. Yes, I rather think that is the greatest principle of this nation."

And so I left this man and walked to the Lincoln Memorial. As the sun set, I sat on the steps and cried. □

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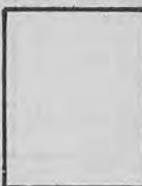
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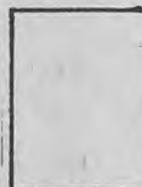
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DUSTY RHODES

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say the least. It took only a few minutes to make a decision. There really was no choice involved.

"Well, I'm gonna do it," said Rhodes. "I guess I'm gonna have to do it."

Rhodes clasped his fingers.

"Sometimes a man has to do things in life he just doesn't want to do. And I want to say this very, very carefully so all the people who know me and my ways and my principles don't think I've sold out or am doin' somethin' that I shouldn't be doin' just because I'm under pressure or whatever."

Never was Dusty Rhodes a happier man than when his comrades wrapped the NWA championship belt around his waist (right). His quest to regain the title met with such painful frustration that he decided he no longer wished to challenge for the title as long as it belonged to Harley Race. Dusty gets a measure of revenge against Terry Funk for breaking his arm (below).

Rhodes paused, his energies returning and coloring his face.

"Yeah, I guess the only way I'll ever settle anything with that bum is in the ring. As wonderful



as all my fans are, their letters don't settle the issue. Listenin' to Race shoot off his big, ugly, stupid mouth don't settle nothin'. And all the directives and contracts and whatever from the NWA don't mean a hill of beans in this world unless I'm the one who makes the decision.



Even without the title, Dusty feels there is much to accomplish in wrestling as long as rulebreakers like Mark Lewin (above) still exist. The NWA proclaimed that Dusty must meet Race or face an early retirement.

"So what could I do? Maybe I look foolish always sayin' how I won't wrestle Race. Maybe it just isn't fair to my fans and me to let that slob get away shootin' off his stupid mouth and disgracin' a title all the world knows rightfully belongs to me.

"Maybe I shoulda decided and done this a long, long time ago. Once and for all, we're gonna have it out. I'm gonna show Race how bad he really is. No more war of words. This is it. Once and for all, we're gonna find out who's the champion.

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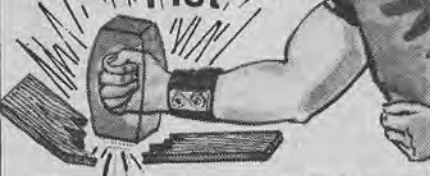
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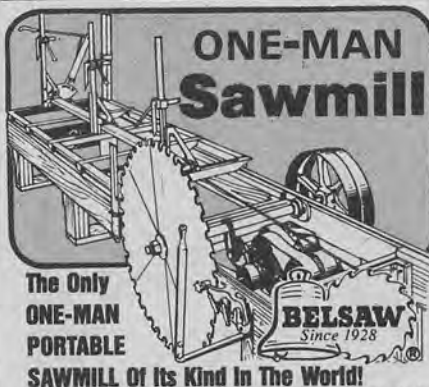
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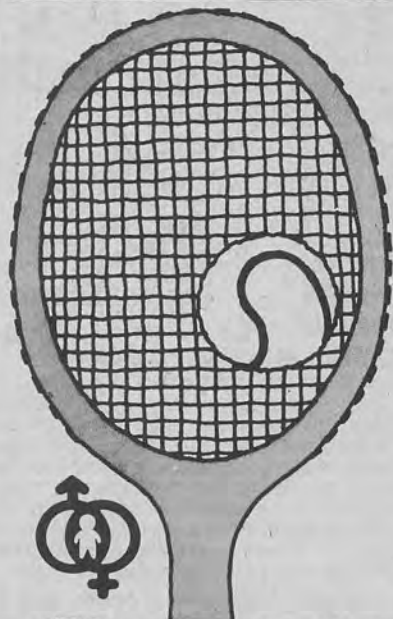
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GREG GAGNE

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"Man, I couldn't believe what I'd done," said Gagne. "I couldn't believe how I hurt my father like that. I, I would never have hurt my dad like that, never. If I'd just known, darn, I'd like to get my hands on that Murray character and show him what I really think of him."

But Greg couldn't locate Murray. Neither could anyone else. Bockwinkel, gleaming with delight over his perfect caper, explained about Murray.

"He was always my favorite nephew," said Nick. "Now that he pulled this off, he will always be number one nephew as far as I'm concerned. Well, maybe I should describe the genesis of this brilliant plan to once more demonstrate the vast superiority of the Bockwinkel mind."

"Me and Bobby Heenan decided the best way to whip old man Verne was by using his own maneuver on him. We called up Murray back East and asked if he'd be willing to help us out."

Ah, he's such a good kid, he said he'd do anything to help me and get rid of that punk Gagne. Both of 'em.



Verne escaped this particular attempted sleeper (above) by whipping his right elbow back into Bockwinkel's ribs. Bockwinkel tries to execute a piledriver, but Gagne pushes him forward into the ropes before Nick can yank him over (below). Gagne is probably the finest defensive wrestler alive.





Gagne leaves the ring with the AWA belt still in his possession. Bockwinkel must now devise a new plan to regain the title.

"I instructed Murray on what to do and how to take down as much of the maneuver as possible. But Murray amazed me. I knew Greg Gagne was stupid, but I didn't realize he'd be this stupid. Guess it runs in the family.

"Anyway, now that I've got the sleeperhold down perfect, I can predict with all accuracy and confidence that Verne Gagne's days as AWA champion are numbered. It is just a matter of time before I put him to sleep once and for all and reclaim the throne unjustly taken from me."

Verne was a great deal less angry than Greg. In fact, he seemed amused.

"Obviously Bockwinkel is getting desperate," he said. "He has to send his nephew, that is funny. Maybe he'd be better off sending his nephew to wrestle me for the title. Bockwinkel can't master the sleeperhold. It's taken me years to get it perfect. I think Nick Bockwinkel is in for a rude shock. When he wakes up, I'll tell him all about it." ☐

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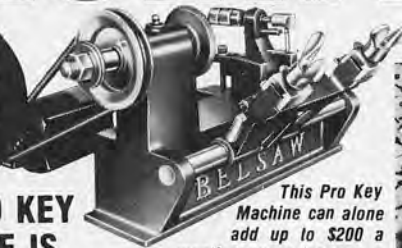


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